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Rachel Parker reads over her letter with her teacher, Janice Dittman. Students from Niedringhaus wrote letters to GI's for the holidays.

Venice School District to focus on tutoring

Officials hope for improvements on test scores

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Venice School District officials hope a heavy emphasis on tutoring programs and a more stable school year will lead to improvements in test

scores. A combination of a new standardized tests and poor morale because of turmoil at the high school resulted in a poorer performance by Venice High School students in standardized tests taken last year.

Elementary School Principal Rachelle Artis and

High School Principal Annette Alexander-Chamberlain discussed the state report card with Board members at Thursday's meeting.

In general, scores showed that children in early elementary grades performed

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Police seek two in robbery

Suspects at large

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Police are looking for two suspects in an alleged armed robbery Friday afternoon in Venice.

The two reportedly forced a man into a room at gunpoint, where they robbed and tied up the man with a telephone cord.

According to reports, at about 2 p.m. police received

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Chain of Rocks Bridge to close for season

Attraction to close down Nov. 28, open for eagle watching Jan. 18-23

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Area residents will have one more chance this weekend to take a walk on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge before it closes for the season.

The bridge will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday for a fund raiser.

Sunday will be a "Fall Festival," including music, guided tours of the Riverfront Trail and other activities. The cost of admis-

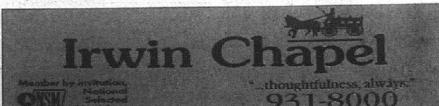
sion is 10 cans of nonperishable food or \$10, with proceeds benefiting local food banks.

The bridge, being renovated by TrainNet Inc., has been a very popular attraction over the summer.

About 1,000 people have walked or rode on the bridge during the summer and TrainNet Executive Director Ted Curtis said those numbers have doubled in the fall.

"It's picked up quite a bit with the incredible fall weather we've had out there," he said.

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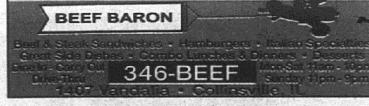


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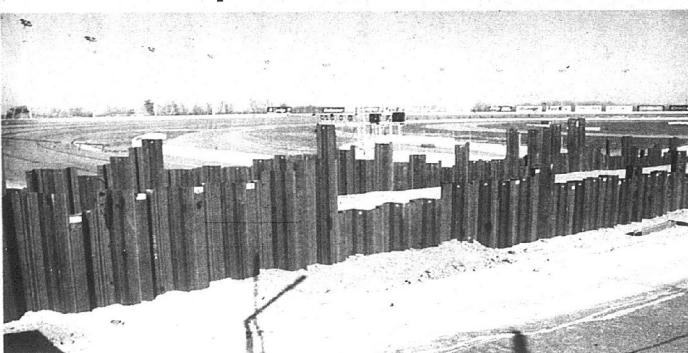
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Mike and Sara Austin walk their dog across the Old Chain of Rocks bridge last Saturday.

Albert Walker photo

Gateway International Raceway readies for changes



The new infield tunnel will connect to the west side of the track to make it easier to move vehicles during races.

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connect the infield to the west side of the track.

Track officials have been considering a tunnel on the western or a bridge on the eastern side of the track to allow better movement of

people and vehicles, and finally decided on the tunnel after dealing with engineering obstacles, including a high water table.

GIR manager named VP of construction

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Gateway International Raceway General Manager Rod Wolter has been named vice president of construction/development for three motor sports facilities owned by Dover Downs Entertainment Inc.

The facilities include GIR, Memphis Motorsports Park, and the new Nashville Superspeedway.

Wolter said Wednesday that he would continue to lead most of his time at GIR.

"I've had a lot of personal satisfaction in helping redevelop Gateway International Raceway as a major motorsports complex and take a lot of pride in the job we have done here," he said. "Now I have been given the opportunity by Dover Downs to help two more of our facilities develop and grow and I'm excited with the challenge that it brings."

Wolter, 59, brought experience in both raceway management and construction to GIR. Originally from New Jersey, Wolter has been an invaluable asset to this organization in the successful development of

"With his experience and talent, we have asked him to take this position to help us grow our business in at three key venues, and he has enthusiastically accepted."

Ed Sutor
Executive vice president

Gateway," said Ed Sutor, executive vice president of Dover Downs. "He has the

unique ability to deal with the municipalities, building contractors and the labor force and get them all pulling in one direction."

"With his experience and talent, we have asked him to take this position to help us grow our business in at three key venues, and he has enthusiastically accepted."

Wolter started racing with his brother in Nebraska when he was 16 years old.

"I started drag racing in a '67 Chevy," he said. "After I got married, of course that kind of put a crimp in those kinds of activities for a while."

"After his first wife died, Wolter remarried in 1977. Between the two of them, and his wife Sandy - who also works for Gateway International Raceway - have seven children and 13

advantages include a more unobstructed view, considered important because of plans to add additional seating along turns three and four - and the movement of vehicles between the infield and exterior of the track during racing.

The bridge has already been demolished and work has begun on the tunnel.

"It's not been bad because the river has been so low," Wolter said. "It's really low, even water tables are up. We haven't had any rain."

Hopefully we'll have it done before the water table rises."

The construction of the tunnel included taking out part of the track.

"We want to get it re-laid before the end of December and give it time to cure before the first major race, the Missouri-Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200 May 6.

Other major events will include the NHRA Sears Craftsman Nationals drag race June 22, 23 and 24, the CARQUEST Auto Parts 250 July 28 and 29, and the Motorola 300 CART FedEx Championship Series Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

Wolter said the Motorola 300 will happen on a Sunday under the lights and would be the first CART race under lights.

There had been speculation that the CART race would be changed in part because of problems with the Indy Racing League and CART would get back together. However, that fell through.

Wolter said one of the reasons to change the date was because it would not make both the CART race and the Indy 500.

He said one of the reasons for switching it to a night race is that the Cubs and Cardinals will be playing at Busch Memorial Stadium that weekend.

Track officials had been hoping to land a Winston Cup Series race, the top flight of NASCAR racing, but were unsuccessful.

"We know we won't get one this year," Wolter said. "They just didn't make any changes this year."

He said they were hoping to be able to gain a Winston Cup date either next year or the year after.

Two issues that will have to be dealt with include seating and parking.

A minimum of 100,000 seats is needed to host a Winston Cup race, with the addition of seating at turns one and two, GIR has about 70,000 seats.

Parking remains a major issue. Wolter said they continue to find off-site parking and held last week to discuss the issue.

Plans for a major parking lot to the west remain on hold because of a court case involving the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

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Newsboys auction pulls in bidders

Going once, going twice ... With just the click of a mouse, area residents have a chance to make their bid and help local children's charities.

The Old Newsboys Day web site, which debuted Nov. 18, features an extensive auction of sports and media-related items.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Old Newsboys Day fund for children's charities.

To participate in the auction, go to www.oldnewsboys.com and surf through 50 auction items. Then make your bids.

Some of the items proving most popular so far are:

• John Hancock Champions On Ice Package.

Mark McGwire autographed scorecard from last year's season finale in which McGwire hit home runs 69 and 70.

• Backstreet Boys Old Newsboys Day Edition personally autographed by the group.

• Wehrenberg Theatres' movie tickets for a year.

• Riverport Amphitheater concert tickets.

Operating the auction is Primary Network, a St. Louis Internet service provider and an auction sponsor. Other sponsors include Anheuser-Busch, GTE, Central States Coca-Cola, Emerson Electric and the Suburban Journals.

The bidding period for the first 25 items ends Dec. 2, with the period for the final 25 items ending Dec. 9.

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Chain of Rocks Bridge to close down for season Nov. 28

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The bridge will close for the season Nov. 28, but will be open for eagle-watching Jan. 18 through 23. During the week, it will be open for school children, then open to the public one weekend.

Curtis said they plan to begin phase two of the bridge's \$4 million renovation.

While the master plan for the second phase is still being worked on, it will include more structural work under the bridge, then amenities such as restrooms and parking.

The museum, a recreation of the bridge's original toll booth, is planned for the Illinois side of the bridge and will include restrooms and

"We'll probably plan for more things than we can possibly afford."

Ted Curtis
Trainnet executive director

concessions.

The overall renovation is expected to continue for at least another two years.

"We'll probably plan for more things than we can possibly afford," Curtis said, adding that they continue to seek private donations and grants for more improvements.

He added that they are considering a restaurant on the Missouri side of the bridge and possibly a concession stand on the bridge.

Curtis said they expect to be open again on weekends next year, but are also looking at ways to expand the bridge's open hours.

Trainnet is also seeking funding for an expanded nature preserve on the Illinois side of the bridge.

Curtis said they expect to receive some funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Program and a Shell Oil settlement fund, but details are still being worked out.

The 600-acre park/preserve would include hiking, biking and equestrian trails.

The city of Madison is also working on developing the entire Chouteau Island area into a park.

Dollar-Help pays needy's heat bills

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

It isn't cheap to fight the cold. For Dollar-Help Inc., the bill this winter could exceed

\$900,000. To encourage donations, Dollar-Help officials with Laclede Gas Co. kicked off its 1999-2000 fund-raising campaign Friday at the 12th and Park Roller and Recreation Center, 1410 S. Tucker Blvd.

Local officials and officials from Dollar-Help wore boxing gloves to promote this year's theme of "Knock Out Old Man Winter: Be a Champion for Dollar-Help."

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"Unfortunately, in the end, Old Man Winter packs a chilly and long-term punch"

Rabbi Susan Talve
Central Reform Congregation

Kelley, who also heads the energy assistance agency, EnergyCare, 2750 Wyoming St.

Winter in St. Louis can be crafty, of course.

One day it's 60 degrees.

The next day, temperatures struggle to reach 20.

And the days this November have been great, but also deceptive.

One thing about winter here is certain. Putting it in boxing terms, Susan Talve, Congregation '77 Maryland Plaza in St. Louis, said cold was like St. Louis blues.

"Moderate temperatures and weaving with low and moderate temperatures."

"Unfortunately, in the end, Old Man Winter packs a chilly and long-term punch."

said Talve, vice-president of Dollar-Help.

Dollar-Help pays heating bills to about 75 area energy suppliers through seven area social service and community action agencies.

They serve clients all over eastern Missouri, from St. Louis city to Butler, Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve counties.

"The problem is a home heating source is not just an urban issue," said state Sen. Bill "Lacy" Clay Jr., D-north St. Louis, one of several elected officials at the ceremony.

"People have come an unfortunate and chilly factor throughout the region."

During the 1998-99 winter season, the average grant given was \$265. In 80 percent of cases, an elderly or handicapped person or child under 5 years old was living in the house," Clay said. "Kids who are warm, clothed and have good nutrition, are also quite productive in school."

The utility gas customers can simply overpay their monthly gas bills by \$1 or call the utility at 621-6960 to have a specified amount added to their bills.

In St. Charles County, residents can give through the St. Charles Gas Company; Franklin County, Missouri Natural Gas and St. Charles Gas; Jefferson County, Missouri Natural Gas and Midwest Gas; St. Francois County, Missouri Natural Gas; Madison County, Missouri Natural Gas; and Butler counties, Missouri Natural Gas.

"Reaching out this winter to help those who are searching for funds to restore their home heating source is still one of the best ways to show the real Judeo-Christian meaning of charity," said Rev. Earl Nance, treasurer of Greater Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, 1100 North Euclid Ave., in St. Louis.

Donations also can be mailed to Dollar-Help, Inc., c/o Cass Bank, P.O. Box 330, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

Since it began in 1982, Dollar-Help has raised almost \$8 million and assisted more than 34,000 needy households.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCHE CLUB for seniors 50 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH for seniors 50 and over meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City. For information, call 931-0443.

JOLLY QUILTERS meets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Social Center, 908 Throgmorton Drive, Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP HALL NUTRITION, 2060 Delmar Ave., serves meals daily from 11:50 a.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations should be made a day in advance by calling 877-4373. Cost is \$10 per meal.

TOPS 2363 meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information, call Bobbie at 452-0273.

Monthly

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS meets Thursday at the Social Center, 908 Throgmorton Drive, Mitchell. Potluck begins at 6 p.m.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED meets at 10 a.m. Thursday at Nameoki Methodist Church, 1900 Nameoki Road, Granite City.

THE METRO EAST HOME CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Our Lord's

Breakfast with Santa scheduled

The Granite City Junior Service Club is sponsoring "Breakfast with Santa" from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1 at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave. Donation for the breakfast is \$3. There will be entertainment, gifts and a raffle. Pictures with Santa will be available. Seating is reserved. For ticket information, call Barb Dickerson at 876-5496.

Lutheran Church in Maryville, Illinois 159 at Interstate 55/70. Parents, licensed and unlicensed childcare providers are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn Clasen 656-0144, Phyllis Bishop at 667-2427 or Carol Henschen at 488-7956.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets at 5 p.m. Thursday at Ravanelli's Restaurant, 3 American Village Shopping Center.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, Madison County Chapter 188, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road in Granite City. For more information, call Everett Sprout at 931-0517.

Miscellaneous

THE MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB has regular dance meetings twice each month starting at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collingswood. The price is \$10.00 for dance lessons and \$10.00 for dancing at a cost of \$4 for non-members and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

THE SINGLES CONNECTION has scheduled the following activities: Friday - B and B Singles dance at Belli Hall in Belleville. It is open to the public. The cost is \$6. Meet there at 8:30 p.m.

URBAN LEAGUE of Madison County offers the following programs at the U.L. Health Care Services, 500 Madison Ave., Madison. For more information, call 452-5394.

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Obituaries

Mary Baggett

MARY A. (DURDIN) BAGGETTE, 74, of Granite City, died at 11:35 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph J. Hogan and an infant sister, Ann Marie Hogan.

Funeral services were Monday at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville with the Rev. James Buerster officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Belleville.

John Barnes Funeral Home in Belleville handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice of Missouri.

William Lee

WILLIAM T. LEE, 86, of Benton Harbor, Mich., died at 2:38 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the local arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Brian Hogan

BRIAN E. HOGAN, 50, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at Shady Oaks Residential Center in Park Hills, Mo.

He was born Aug. 4, 1949, in East St. Louis. Mr. Hogan was a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Stevie Hogan of Carbondale; two sons, Arthur Barron of Belleville and Christopher Barron of Palo Alto, Calif.; four brothers, Ronald Hogan of Belleville, Dennis Hogan of Granite City, Raymond Hogan of Anna and Michael Hogan of Ridge Crest, Calif.; a sister, Ann Cotter of

Murphysboro and a granddaughter, Tyler Barron of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph J. Hogan and an infant sister, Ann Marie Hogan.

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He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Morris.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Stockdale Milan Funeral Home in Camden, Tenn. Burial was in Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

C. KENT MORRIS, 62, of Granite City, died at 7:21 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

He was born June 28, 1937, in East St. Louis. Mr. Morris was a mathematics teacher at Lansdowne Junior High School in East St. Louis.

He is survived by his mother, Harriet (Jennings) Morris and a sister, Janet Stockenberg.

He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Morris.

Funeral services were Tuesday at St. John Barnes Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Chris Shimboff officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

He was born Feb. 5, 1935, in Madison. Mrs. Sulic was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Granite City.

She is survived by four children, Thomas, Hollie, Michael Sulic Jr. and Kathryn Lindsey, Michael Sulic Jr., and Earl Sulic, all of Granite City; a brother, Chris Shimboff, of Effingham; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Sulic; her parents, Oscar and Leona Shimboff and two brothers, George and Theodore Shimboff.

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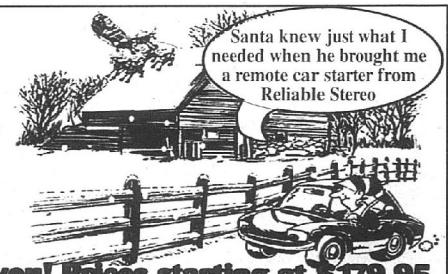
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Students write to soldiers

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-dents have spent hundreds of hours writing about 35,000 letters the past 14 years.

"I though writing would be interesting, fun and educational for my students," Mizell said. "It has caught on. Now the whole school

participates."

Corinna Lasiter, a witty 11-year-old, wrote her letter last week. She said it was comprised of several questions she thought would bring a smile to a few soldiers.

"I asked them about his hobbies and thanked him for protecting us," Lasiter said. "I think they are all brave men and women."

Eleven-year-old Keeley Snelson, who wrote a handful of letters, said she thought

'I think it makes them happier until they can get home. I think it's the right thing to do and more students should do it.'

Keeley Snelson
Student

writing was important because military personnel miss their families during the holidays.

"I think it makes them happy when they get them," Snelson said. "I think it's the right thing to do and more students should do it."

Many servicemen and women have responded over

the years, Mizell said, sending students pins, hats and shirts representing ships they are stationed on or military equipment they are associated with. In 1998, Amy Steen, then a sixth-grader, received more than a hat or shirt when the Marine she wrote visited her at Neidringhaus.

"She was excited," Mizell said. "She had no idea she would see her pen pal in person."

Since being involved in the military mail program, Neidringhaus has been among the top five elementary schools nationwide in the number of letters written. This year's total will be 2,375. This year's total will be about the same.

Because of her coordinating efforts, the Daughters of the American Revolution honored Mizell. Mizell said she appreciated the honor and the dedication and commitment the students put forth to make the project a school success.

Police seek two robbery suspects

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a report of a burglary in the 700 block of Third Street. When police arrived, the victim told them he had been robbed at gunpoint.

The man said he had been in his yard cleaning when two men came up from behind his truck and surprised him. One of the men was reportedly armed with a single-barrel shotgun, the other with a knife.

The two forced the man into his house, where they tied him up. They took the victim's wallet, which contained about \$180 to \$170 in cash, some personal items and a shotgun from the closet.

The two then fled in a

1985 or 1986 black four-door Plymouth sedan.

The victim said he had noticed the car and two men in the neighborhood earlier in the day.

The first suspect was described as a dark-skinned black male in his mid-20s, 5-foot-10 or 5-foot-11, weighing about 170 to 180 pounds, wearing a dark cap, dark jacket and blue jeans. He was armed with a shotgun.

The second suspect was described as a medium-skinned black male in his late teens, 5-foot-4 or 5-foot-5, 160 to 170 pounds, wearing a gray shirt and light-colored tan pants. He was carrying a knife.

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Brooks 3rd Place (not pictured)



Grades 5th - 7th
Brian Hay 1st Place, Jake Courtney, 2nd Place and
Adam Heil 3rd Place

News

Venice School District to focus on tutoring

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below state averages, improved through eighth grade, then dropped dramatically in high school. Because of the change in test comparisons cannot be fairly made with previous years.

In the past, the district performed below state averages, but is saddled with a poverty rate more than twice the state average.

Poverty is considered a major factor in student performance.

Data in the report cards is based on standardized tests taken in February.

Students are tested in reading, math, writing, science and social studies.

This year the state switched tests from the Illinois Goal Assessment Program to the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests for reading, math and writing. Because of that, in most cases no direct comparisons can be made to previous years.

Under I-GAP, students were classified as not meeting, meeting or exceeding state standards. Under ISAT, students are scored in four categories: Level 1 - academic warning, meeting or exceeding standards; show "an inconsistent command of the basic knowledge and skills" in a particular area; Level 2 - below standards, which means the student has basic knowledge of an area but has some gaps in their learning; Level 3 - meets standards; and Level 4 - exceeds standards.

In third grade reading, 82 percent of the district's students were rated as either

academic warning or below standards, with 19 percent meeting standards.

In fifth grade, 87 percent of the district's students did not meet standards, but that percentage of those in the academic warning level dropped to 9 percent from 30 percent.

By eighth grade, only 48 percent of the district's students were below state standards, but that percentage of those at the academic warning level.

In 10th grade, 83 percent of students were performing below state averages with 21 percent at the academic warning level.

Mathematics, writing and science show similar results with improvements through the elementary level - especially in moving students from the academic warning to does not meet categories in math and writing, but then the numbers dip in 10th grade.

Two bright spots were social studies scores and composite ACT scores.

I-GAP scores showed that in fourth grade, 76 percent of the students fell into the does not meet category. By seventh grade, that figure drops to 28 percent and by 11th grade to 22 percent.

Venice High School students taking the ACT scored a composite of about 22, up from around 15 last year.

However, the number of students taking the test dropped because of a decrease in enrollment of nonresident students.

"Basically we knew that with it being a new test scores were going to be lower than the norm," Alexander-Chamberlain said.

The switch to ISAT

"I'm hopeful that the scores for the 1999-2000 school year will improve."

Annette Alexander-Chamberlain
High School Principal

caused lower test scores throughout the state, one of the reasons the Illinois State Board of Education did not publicize the scores as much.

"Over all the school climate was extremely low last year," she said. "I think that played a very big part in the scores plummeting."

Because much of the controversy was centered at the high school level, she said it affected the score more than elementary students.

She also noted that the controversies heated up at the time the students were taking the tests in February. Before this year, she said students had shown substantial improvements in test scores over a three-year period.

To improve scores, she said the high school would be participating in the district's after school tutoring program, which is funded by a grant by the Urban League.

She also said SIUE faculty members are going to come in and work with students and they are working on a tutoring program that would use students at Greenville College.

Alexander-Chamberlain also said they are hoping to expand the tutoring programs to before school.

At Thursday's meeting,

she said many of the students have to work after school and in many cases the families rely on that income.

Alexander-Chamberlain said she hopes the combination of the tutoring programs and a more stable school

environment will give the students a better education and better test results.

"I see positive growth," she said. "It's an area where we're going to have to rethink some strategies."

"I really believe that our

kids are capable of performing much better academically than they did on the test scores last year," she said. "I'm hopeful that the scores for the 1999-2000 school year will improve."

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Schedules for several upcoming sporting events
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Another Kirgan joins cause for Warriors

Father takes helm as son shoots for state title

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

While changes are afoot, much remains the same for the grapplers at Granite City.

PREP WRESTLING
The Warriors have a new coach. Allen Kirgan, who coached the varsity team at Collinsville last year.

And Kirgan gets a bonus in his initial campaign. His son, senior George Kirgan, finished third in the IHSA individual state tournament (160 pounds) last year as a junior.

"George will start the season at 171 pounds," Kirgan said. "I don't know if he will go down in weight or not. He has been fin-

ishing practice at around 173 or 174 pounds. He has worked very hard. He is going to be tough to beat."

Junior Bobby Grammer will return at 182 pounds.

"Bobby Grammer has looked real tough," Kirgan said. "If he continues to work as hard as he has, Bobby could be a surprise at the state tournament."

Senior Jake Trtanj, like Trianj were in the two smallest weight classes last year, and both made it to the individual state tournament. This year, each of the juniors is back.

"Both were a match away from placing last year," Kirgan said. "To have already been there before is a big thing. That experience is something that you can't buy."

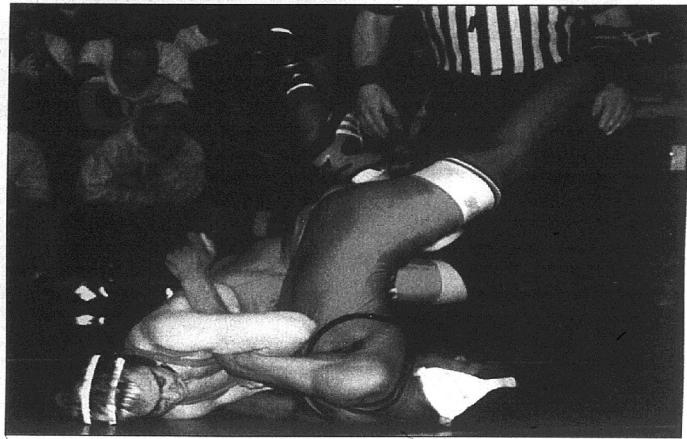
"Stevens has put on some muscle. He will start at 112 pounds, but he is talking about getting down to 103 by the Holiday Tournament. Jake is at 119, and I anticipate him staying there."

The Warriors will have to replace the graduated Brooks Narvaez at 152 pounds. For right now, Willie Clark earns the spot.

With just a sophomore, Kirgan said, he wrestled variably a little last year, three or four matches. He isn't really tested, but he is in the room with some good working partners, and he is working hard.

Last year's freshman sensations, Tommy Tedesco (130 pounds), Jim Treakle (145

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Jake Trtanj (bottom) qualified for the individual state tournament last year as a sophomore.

Warriors win two in a row

Granite City ends slow start

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City got off to a slow start, losing the first three

GIRLS BASKETBALL
in the Alton Preseason Tournament.

But the Warriors got on the winning track Friday, beating Bethalto 45-42. The Warriors got 21 points from Jessica Wallace and great defense from everybody to earn the victory.

"We didn't play too bad," Granite City coach John Moad said. "It was 25-25 at halftime. We pressed the whole game and wore them down in the second half. We never got 10 down and we can wear teams down, and that's what we did on Friday."

On Saturday, Granite made it

two in a row by giving a poor performance by outscoring the biggest margin. The Warriors beat Waterloo 45-22.

"We only shot about 30 percent," Moad said. "We had open shots, and we played well. We just didn't get them to fall."

Center Sarah Luehmann was the big difference in the game, as she scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"Sarah Luehmann carried us," Moad said. "She was a force inside. We were looking to give her the ball more than we had been. She was just a force on the boards."

After the rough start to the season, the young team's butterflies have vanished.

"I think we settled down these last two games," Moad said. "We could have easily been 4-1."

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Jessica Wallace scored 21 points in the first victory of the year for the Warriors, a 52-42 win against Bethalto Civic Memorial on Friday.

Phillip netted great career

Granite City native takes his place among area sports heroes

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

On Nov. 15, the best and brightest sports heroes of the 20th Century gathered at the Fox Theater for the First Annual Century of St. Louis Sports Celebration.

Right in the midst of the honorees was Granite City native Andy Phillip, a veteran of World War II and a 1961 inductee into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

"I thought it was just a great red-carpet treatment," Phillip said. "It was a thrill to be honored and be part of the

local celebration. It was just a memorable occasion for me, especially when you get up in my 80s."

"I got to see Stan Musial, who I knew but haven't seen in 53 years, and some of the basketball players I played with, like Bob Pettit and Ed Macauley. It was a great honor and great fun. They treated us like royalty."

Phillip's list of accomplishments included many other athletes at the event. At the age of 14, Phillip signed a professional baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals organization. But his work in hoops was still ahead.

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Bratten, Chester garner top fall running honors

Edwardsville senior made clean sweep in invitationals

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Edwardsville High senior Andy Bratten was such a dominating force during the boys cross country season this fall that the race for the other runners was for second place.

Bratten won all eight Metro East invitationals in which he competed.

He set the tone in the season-opening Granite City Invitational when he blistered the course minutes 22 seconds.

Bratten followed that with victories at the 16-team Edwardsville Cross Country Invitational and the 22-team Fleischman-McClellan North Invitational.

At the Hancock Invitational in Jefferson Barracks Park in south St. Louis County, he finished third in a field that drew some of the top

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Sophomore finished 21st at IHSA Class AA state meet

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

"The sky is the limit" for East St. Louis High sophomore Shonita Chester according to Nino Fornoy.

Girls CROSS COUNTRY
Fornoy, the coach of the East St. Louis girls cross country team, knows a thing or two about talented runners.

Chester showed her talent this fall at her young

age and was selected the Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois in voting done by Metro East coaches.

Chester saved her best individual performance of the season when it counted the most, finishing 21st at the IHSA Class AA state meet at Detweller Park in Peoria. By finishing in the top 25, Chester earned all-state honors.

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Sports

Girls hoops

Taylorville Tournament Friday's Game					
Collinsville 45, Nokomis 35					
Collinsville	13	13	8	8	-46
Nokomis	3	10	9	13	-35
Collinsville	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Amy Loftus	9	0	3	21	
Rachel Stabenfeldt	0	2	4	10	
Dawn Trost	0	0	3	3	
Angie Parker	0	1	0	3	
Katie Vierul	0	0	3	3	
Stacy DeJula	0	0	3	3	
Alicia Wiblemo	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	9	3	19	46	
Nokomis	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Waterman	1	0	0	14	
Stauder	1	1	3	8	
Hough	1	1	2	7	
Keller	0	1	0	3	
Ruppert	1	0	0	2	
Heck	0	0	1	1	
Engelhart	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	10	2	9	35	

Rebounds - Collinsville 26 (Loftus 11); Assists - Collinsville 6 (Loftus 4); Steals - Collinsville 4 (Stabenfeldt 2; Parker 2); Blocks - Collinsville 2 (Loftus 2).

Saturday's Games					
Collinsville 44, Taylorville 36					
Collinsville	13	15	8	8	-44
Taylorville	8	12	6	10	-36
Collinsville	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Amy Loftus	8	0	2	22	
Angie Parker	1	0	0	2	
Katie Vierul	1	0	2	4	
Stacy DeJula	2	0	0	4	
Rachel Stabenfeldt	0	1	0	3	
Dawn Trost	1	0	1	3	
Angie Parker	0	1	0	3	
Katie Vierul	0	0	3	3	
Stacy DeJula	0	0	0	0	
Alicia Wiblemo	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	13	9	5	44	
Taylorville	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Weber	2	1	4	11	
Gingby	4	0	0	8	
Robinson	3	0	1	7	
T. Trammell	0	0	2	2	
C. Trammell	0	0	2	2	
Dively	1	0	0	2	
Brown	0	0	0	0	
Milner	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	13	1	7	36	

Rebounds - Collinsville 27 (Loftus 13); Taylorville 23. Assists - Collinsville 5 (Stabenfeldt 3); Steals - Collinsville 6 (Trost 1); Blocks - Collinsville 2 (Loftus 1).

Collinsville 39, Gillespie 36					
Collinsville					
Collinsville	14	8	13	4	-39
Gillespie	19	5	6	3	-36
Collinsville	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Amy Loftus	8	0	1	17	
Angie Parker	0	0	2	2	
Katie Vierul	1	0	0	2	
Stacy DeJula	2	0	0	4	
Rachel Stabenfeldt	0	1	0	3	
Dawn Trost	1	0	1	3	
Angie Parker	0	1	0	3	
Katie Vierul	0	0	3	3	
Stacy DeJula	0	0	0	0	
Alicia Wiblemo	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	15	2	3	39	
Gillespie	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Elliott	6	0	0	12	
Katie Drummard	2	0	1	5	
Marietta Link	2	0	1	5	
Bethany Hennond	0	0	2	2	
Deanne Caughran	2	0	0	4	
Angela Hecker	2	0	0	4	
Vaneska Ladd	0	0	0	0	
TOC	16	0	0	36	

Rebounds - Gillespie 18 (Loftus 5; Vierul 5); Assists - Collinsville 12 (Vierul 5); Steals - Gillespie 7 (Stabenfeldt 2; Parker 2); Blocks - Collinsville 5 (Loftus 3).

Non-Conference Saturday's Game					
Peoria Manual 52, East St. Louis 43					
East St. Louis	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Devis	9	0	4	22	
King	5	0	3	13	
Harmonton	1	0	0	2	
Clark	1	0	0	2	
Brown	0	0	0	0	
Bowden	0	0	0	0	
Burke	0	0	0	0	
Amerson	0	0	0	0	
Smith	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	16	0	11	43	
Peoria Manual	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Bonner	5	0	1	11	
Eane	4	0	2	8	
T. Gillespie	3	0	2	8	
Harper	4	0	0	8	
Irry	2	0	0	4	
Ayras	0	1	0	3	
TOTALS	16	3	7	52	

Rebounds - East St. Louis 43 (Davis 12); Assists - East St. Louis 9 (King 4); Steals - Gillespie 5 (Eane 5).

Alton's Tournament Friday's Game					
Granite City 51, Civic Memorial 41					
Civic Memorial	7	6	10	4	-51
Granite City	7	18	11	15	-41
Civic Memorial	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Andrea Wilderman	2	0	1	9	
Casey Lawlor	2	0	2	6	
Jessica Schneiders	2	0	1	5	
Ashley Babcock	1	0	0	3	
Missy Bednar	1	0	0	5	
Karen Evans	2	0	2	4	
Megan Evans	1	0	0	2	
Meghan Murnigan	0	0	0	2	
Jeanne Partridge	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	9	1	20	41	
Granite City	FQ	3FG	FT	Pts	
Jessica Wallace	0	2	3	9	
Asley Bogovich	0	2	3	9	
Sarah Luehrmann	2	0	3	7	
Kelly Hart	0	0	1	4	
Jessica Vlasoff	2	0	0	4	
Christina Witters	1	0	0	2	
Erin Tyler	0	0	0	0	
Layla Worthen	0	0	0	1	
Tatby Duff	0	0	0	0	
Delta Moore	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	16	2	13	51	

Rebounds - Granite City 23 (Luehrmann 8); Assists - Granite City 11 (Wallace 3); Steals - Granite City 5 (Mitchell 2).

Boys basketball

Gibault-Waterloo Thanksgiving Tournament

Nov. 26
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8 p.m. Gibault vs. Murphysboro
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12:30 p.m. - Waterloo vs. Murphysboro
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Nov. 22
10:30 a.m. - Waterloo vs. Murphysboro
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Belleville West/O'Fallon Boys Basketball Tournament

Nov. 23
Belleville West vs. Centralia
6:15 p.m. O'Fallon vs. Mater Dei

Nov. 24

Mascoutah vs. Granite City, 6:15 p.m.
Alton vs. Granite City, 8 p.m.
Mater Dei vs. Triad, 6:15 p.m.
Belleville West vs. O'Fallon, 8 p.m.
Mascoutah vs. Mater Dei, 12:30 p.m.
Triad vs. Mascoutah, 6:15 p.m.
Belleville West vs. Triad, 12:30 p.m.
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Galesburg Thanksgiving Tournament

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Galesburg vs. East St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
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East St. Louis vs. Aurora West, 6:30 p.m.
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Nov. 27
Peoria Woodruff vs. East St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Galesburg vs. Aurora West, 6:30 p.m.

Game 2: Owingsville, Mo. (4) vs.

Benton, Mo. (5), 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Hannibal, Mo. (3) vs. Union,

Mo. (6), 9:30 p.m.

Game 4: Nov. 28

Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 4, 6 p.m.

Game 6: 6:30 p.m.

Game 7: Loser game 5 vs. Loser game 6, 7:30 p.m.

Game 8: Winner game 5 vs. Winner game 6, 9 p.m.

By Bill H. Correspondent

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Former Althoff assistant returns to take helm

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Dave Harris is back at
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looking forward to getting the
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track.

Harris was an assistant coach
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First goal for Harris: increased numbers for program

The first concern for Harris is to increase the number of participants in the Crusaders wrestling program.

"Last year there were only 12 kids in the program," Harris said. "That made it very tough because they had to forfeit three or four weight divisions in almost every meet."

Harris said he will not be the coach this season.

"The numbers are better," Harris said. "We have 23 or 24 out although I would really like that to be in the 30-40 range."

The Crusaders were lean in numbers last season, but there had some quality wrestlers. They qualified three to the state tournament.

Two of them, Dan Quartz and Andy Huskey, have graduated. Quartz was ranked No. 1 for much of the season before being upset at state.

The Crusaders do have junior Dustin Schloeman, who was a state qualifier last season. He will likely wrestle at 140 pounds this season.

"Dustin was wrestling

for a long time," Harris said. "He's very aggressive on his feet and is good at the top position."

Althoff also boasts experience in the middle and upper weight classes. Mike Stump and Tom Young will follow Schloeman in the lineup at 145 and 152 pounds respectively.

Seniors Pat Shaw (215) and Joe Schreiber (275) return with varsity experience in the heavy-weight divisions.

The rest of the spots will be filled by young wrestlers. Three freshmen come into the program

with some wrestling experience: Zach Harris, Corbin Schloeman and Clay Voss. They will battle for time at the lower weight classes, along with returning sophomore Adam Malone.

"The main objective this season is to get these kids out and get more to come out for next year," Harris said. "I want the younger kids to get some experience and a good feel for the sport. The goal is to just keep improving the program going on. I want them to work on their techniques and not to get discouraged."

The Crusaders open the season Dec. 3 against Roxana.

Kirgan takes helm at Granite City

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poounds) and Jacob Janek (215 pounds) are sophomores to fit a major portion of spots.

"I'm very excited about the position," Kirgan said. "He did a great job as a freshman last year. But he finished a little short, and now he has to make up for it. He is in the weight room doing the extra things. Not making it to sectionals made him hungry. I expect some pretty big things out of him."

Tom (119 pounds last year) grew quite a bit and put on some muscle. He may go down to 125 pounds. It just depends how everything goes. He is trying to work to make it 130. Jake had a winning record in varsity and was undefeated in junior varsity last year. He is really looking good so far."

This year Kirgan likely will

start three more freshmen - in Sheldon Murphy (103 pounds), Patrick Fiegenbantz (140 pounds) and Matt Koenig (169 pounds).

"We have such an outstanding group of junior high school programs and coaches that it isn't as if they are walking into the program," Kirgan said. "He is already under the feeder programs. They already understand the basics of wrestling when they get here. They are very focused. They are little Warriors, just waiting to get their chance to join the high school team. They are already a part of the program, even down at the middle school."

"It's a pretty tough crop of freshmen. Sheldon ran cross country in the fall. Patrick was kind of a surprise. We had some difficulty upperclassmen like Hagan, Dan Clifford, living out for that weight, and Patrick beat both of them in a challenge. This year Kirgan likely will

tournament. Both had varsity experience and Patrick beat them out."

"Brian kind of reminds me of George at that age. He is a very good athlete and a real hard worker. Just like George, he is wrestling an upper weight class. And just like George, he is starting out by wrestling O'Fallon at O'Fallon."

"The key for Brian is to get some early success and build his confidence."

Chad Wilson (125 pounds), Rich Carney (135 pounds), and Justin York (heavyweight) fill out the Warriors starting roster.

The season was set to begin Tuesday, against the Panthers at O'Fallon. The Warriors will look to improve on a season which saw them finish third in the State Team Tournament.

"I don't think any of the kids

will lose because they were over-worked," Kirgan said. "I'm real proud of the way they have worked to prepare themselves for the season."

"My goal for the team is to be better at the end of the season than we were at the beginning. In the past we have had problems with the kids quitting or getting suspended, and we have ended up being better in the middle of the season than at the end. Preseason rankings are fine, but is the one that gets remembered is the one that gets it done in March."

"There is a lot of history here and the kids are expected to go out and wrestle like Granite City wrestlers. Like all the great coaches here before me demanded a lot, I am no different. I demand a lot, but I think this hard they'll only get better, and they are pretty good to begin with."

Phillip joins area sports celebration

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Phillip was selected state tournament Most Valuable Player in the Illinois state basketball championship during his senior year in 1940. Phillip went on to the University of Illinois, where he was named to the All-Big Ten Conference Team, and twice was named the University's Athlete of the Year.

Phillip led the Illini to two conference championships in 1942 and '43, and to an undefeated season in 1943. Phillip was selected All-American in 1942 and '43, and was named the 1943 College Player of the Year and Big Ten Conference MVP.

Phillip's athletic brilliance was interrupted by World War II, which served three years as a Marines field artillery officer and unit commander. Phillip was a part of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Upon his return to college in 1947, Phillip again was selected an All-American and

landed the All-Time Big Ten Basketball Team.

Phillip played 11 years in the NBA with Chicago, Philadelphia, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis. Phillip played in four championships final. Phillip also played in the first five NBA All-Star games, from 1951-55. At one time he had the best record in the NBA. In 1959 he returned to teach at St. Louis Park before his Hall of Fame induction in 1961.

In the offseason early in his basketball career, Phillip continued to play baseball for Sheldon, Carrollton, Wood-Salem, and Bakersfield in the minor leagues.

But Phillip's spot in the all-century roster was sealed by his greatness in basketball, for which he was selected one of the 20 greatest college players of all time by Milt Hinton in his book of Best of 1979.

In 1989, Phillip was selected as one of the 100 Greatest Players of the First Century of

Basketball.

Last year's celebration was the cap to that award-winning history.

"It made me think of a lot of things."

Louis Cardinals Knobhole Gang down at Sportsman's Park. It brought back a lot of good memories. I got to see Carl Lenhardt, who was from Granite City. I played with him in the Carolina League in the early 50s.

As the Metro East looks back on a century of sports, Phillip's star shines bright, keeping him high on Granite City's reputation of athletic excellence.

"I would just like to be remembered as a good ballplayer who represented the good things in basketball... Phillip said. "We had a team level, many individuals, but you can't say. Of course the rules were different back then. But I thought I played well and represented the league very well."

Granite City girls win two consecutive games

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instead of 2-3. We lost to a good Cahokia team by four

points, and we gave Alton Marquette by far the best game of the tournament and lost by 20.

"We played real well for a time, but then we got tired and lost many games. It helped our confidence as a team. We also got to see a variety of different looks from the

other teams. Marquette was real quick and played a 1-3-1. Alton pressed us up and down the court, and Waterloo and Civic Memorial dropped into a zone. We got to look at a lot of different things."

The Warriors played at Wood River Tuesday.

Wood River won 30-27.

"It will be a good test for us before the Southwestern Conference season begins," Moad said. "The following week we have to play at Belleville East and at home against Edwardsville."

"From what I have heard Wood River is pretty good. Last year we beat them at the buzzer (61-60). We can use a win now. All wins are big."

"We played

real well for a time. It was good for us to get out and play that many games. It helped our confidence as a team. We also got to see a variety of different looks from the other teams."

John Moad
Granite City coach

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Chester boasts state finish as sophomore

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"The state meet was by far her best race," Fenney said. "There is no comparison to what goes on at Detweller Park with the four lanes. She kept good in her races and had better times, but with 300 meters left to go (at state), she was in 26th place with everyone charging on. She had to generate energy with in to run people, but at the same time hold off the other runners. She fought it off. This is a real Flyer."

The team was one Fenney and the team coined after discussing the tradition of East St. Louis distance running and sprinters. "Real Flyer" is not only about results but it is work ethic, practice, in competition and in the classroom. "They have the inner drive,"

Fenney said of Chester and fellow sophomore Dawn Harper. "Chester likes to do this. She likes running. She enjoys training. There is no part of training she does not enjoy. She is a credit student citizen. She gets along with teammates and opponents."

Chester and Harper have built a friendship on competition, hard work, running styles. Harper, who won gold medals in last spring at the IHSA Class AA state track meet in the 1600 and 3000-meter hurdles, works to become a better distance runner while Chester followed Harper's lead in working to become a better sprinter.

"One girl, Dawn Harper, is there," Fenney said. "Together there is tremendous strength."

Chester finished 62nd at the state cross country meet as a

freshman and her climb to 21st gives Fenney reason to look forward to seeing her progress on the track in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races.

"She knows there is a long way to go at being No. 1," Fenney said. "She was seventh at the two-mile as a freshman. She has a tremendous amount."

This gives them (Chester and Harper) energy and inner direction. For them, now more importantly, is work ethic. She is developing on her own goals. If she continues on this road there are some rewards. She would like to be a runner in college. She is a junior at Justin Amerson ACT this year, because she wants to. She is taking core classes.

"The sky is the limit - as far as she wants to take it."

Bratten made clean sweep in invitationals

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runners in Missouri and Illinois.

He added victories at the Jerseyville Invitational, the Madison County Meet, the Hazelwood Mid-East Invitational and the Southwestern Conference meet to close out the regular season.

The only race in Illinois he did not win during the regular season was the Centralia Invitational where he finished second to Justin Amason of Centralia.

Local coaches made Bratten the running club's Cross Country Runner of the Year for the Journal

Newspapers of Southern Illinois. Edwardsburg coach Jim Price said Bratten had a way of finishing the other runners through the first half of the race.

"He got out early and pushed the pace and hung with the good guys," Price said. "He was a good runner and I think he said, 'Andy would make his move at the 2-to-2 1/2-mile mark.'

Bratten's success during the regional meet helped the Tigers become a formidable squad in the Metro East. At the Chester Invitational and in the IHSA Class AA regional, the Tigers recorded perfect team scores by capturing first through fifth places.

"As far as the team, he represented the school so that is no way meant to overlook what Stephen did. He's just a freshman," Price said. "But the other

boys were moving up and down the lineup from three to five. Andy was always the rock the team could be centered around.

"He had been to state two times before and he knew what he knew what he practiced to be to get the team to state."

After the regional victory, in which Bratten set a course record, the Tigers won their first sectional title in more than 20 years and placed 18th in the state.

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Film timetable for Thursday, Nov. 25. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
I-70 and Hwy. 157,
Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Pokemon (G) 7:15
The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 7:00
House On Haunted Hill (R)
7:05
Sleepy Hollow (R) 7:10

EARLAGE CINE
Earlage Plaza, E. Alton, Ill.,
254-5289
Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:40,
7:20
The Bone Collector (R)
4:30, 7:30
Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
4:10, 7:10
House On Haunted Hill (R)
4:50, 7:40

Pokemon (G) 4:20, 6:40
The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 4:00, 7:00

COTTONWOOD
EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
6:45

The Bachelor (PG-13) 7:15
Double Jeopardy (R) 7:00

GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722

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HALLS FERRY 14 CINE
2000 Target Drive, 822-2463
End Of Days (R) 1:45, 4:25,
7:00, 9:35
Toy Story 2 (G) 12:50, 3:10,
5:30, 7:45, 10:05
Bats (PG-13) 4:45, 10:00
Music Of The Heart (PG)
1:15, 7:15

Sleepy Hollow (R) 1:35,
4:50, 7:10, 9:30
House On Haunted Hill (R)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:10
The Bone Collector (R)

1:55, 4:45, 6:20, 9:55
The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40

Light It Up (R) 1:30, 4:30,
7:15, 9:25
Light It Up (R) 2:30, 5:20,
8:00

Sixth Sense (PG-13) 1:50,
4:55, 7:40, 10:05
The Bachelor (PG-13) 1:50,
5:10, 7:35, 10:00

The Best Man (R) 1:25,
4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Pokemon (G) 12:45, 3:00,
5:15, 7:30, 9:30

The Messenger (R) 1:05,
4:35, 7:25

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill.,
323-0123
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NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
Superstar (PG-13) 7:15
The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 7:00

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon,
Ill., 822-2463
Dogma (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00,
9:30

The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50

The World Is Not Enough
(PG-19) 2:00, 2:45, 5:40, 8:30

Toy Story 2 (G) 12:00, 2:30,
4:50, 7:10, 9:30

Toy Story 2 (G) 1:00, 3:20,
5:00, 8:10

Toy Story 2 (G) 1:45, 4:00,
6:10, 8:45

The Messenger (R) 2:00,
5:00, 8:05

Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05
Bone Collector (R) 1:30,
4:10, 7:15, 9:45

Bone Collector (R) 12:10,
2:45, 5:15, 7:45

The Best Man (R) 12:20,
2:50, 5:20, 7:50

Bringing Out The Dead (R)
2:15, 7:00

The Story Of Us (R) 12:10,
4:40, 9:25

The Insider (R) 2:00, 5:00,
8:05

Sixth Sense (R) 1:30, 4:20,
7:00, 9:25

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
Double Jeopardy (R) 7:00

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50 Ludwig Drive, 822-2463

Pokemon (G) 1:00, 3:15,
5:30, 7:45

Pokemon (G) 2:00, 4:15,
6:30, 8:45

End Of Days (R) 1:15, 4:00

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4:15, 6:30, 9:15

Light It Up (R) 1:25, 4:05,
6:45, 9:10

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EDWARDSVILLE

6633 Center Grove Rd.,
659-7469

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WATERLOO CINEMA

Route 3, 939-9997

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Film examines nature vs technology

Animated 'Princess Mononoke' offers lavish fable based on ancient Japanese folklore

By Ronnie Roy

It's the biggest animated film in the history of Japan, second only to "Titanic" at the Japanese box office.

Now it's not "Princess..."

It's Hayao Miyazaki's "Princess Mononoke," now playing at the Palace Frontenac Cinema.

Based on Japanese folklore, "Mononoke" is a fable of nature versus technology. Hayao's new idea has taken in a magical world, lavishly animated.

The tale begins in a remote village, suddenly under attack

by a worm-infested demon. The demon is slain by Prince Ashitaka (Billy Crudup), but not before the demon leaves his mark on the young warrior.

Upset by the destruction, he reveres to a large boar, one of the beast gods of the forest. A lump of iron found in the boar's side is the wolf god (Gillian Anderson), her two children and her adopted human daughter, Princess Mononoke (Claire Danes).

Also in the mix is a crude monk named Jigo (Billy Bob Thornton), who has his own hidden agenda.

"Princess Mononoke" is similar to the standard Disney animated feature only in the high quality of its animation. From the subject matter to the characters, it's a world apart.

Ashitaka goes off to investigate and finds himself caught in the middle of a war between humans and the forest gods.

Leader of the human faction

is Lady Eboshi (Minnie Driver), who has built a fortress and ironworks on the edge of the forest. Having run out of available ore, she is now cutting down the forest to find more.

Planning to sacrifice the forest are More the wolf god (Gillian Anderson), her two children and her adopted human daughter, Princess Mononoke (Claire Danes).

Miyazaki has created a much more complex tale. Eboshi cares for her people, a town made up mostly of outcasts such as lepers and former prostitutes. Ashitaka doesn't take sides, but ends up choosing to help Eboshi rebuild rather than run off with Mononoke.

For an example of animation that isn't just child's play, check out "Princess Mononoke."

A Miramax Films release, "Princess Mononoke" is produced by Toshio Suzuki. The film is rated PG-13.



San (Claire Danes) in a scene from the Miramax Films release, "Princess Mononoke."

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Social

Granite City Senior High class of '44 holds reunion

Granite City Senior High School classes of January and June 1944 held their 55th reunion at Sunset Hills Country Club.

First response was received from Dorothy Raub Castlemans who also gave the invocation. Gene Ross was master of ceremonies.

Committee members were Kaye Green, Betty Williams, Mary and Ralph Elliott, Gene Ross, Jo Louise Terry, Phyllis Gandy, Cleo Gandy, Esther Suva, John Boyer, Lucille Sackett and Lucille Caban.

Those attending were:

JANUARY
James Jennings, Jarvey Hieken, Yetta Kasparian Gagopian, Robert Hill, Lester Miller, Shirley Nelson McOmmis, Olga Paveletic

Mink, Millie Todoroff Chandler, Rose Marie Walker Bauer

JUNE
LaVelle Atchison Dorway, Gladys Bailey Gove, Betty Barnes, Williams, Richard Bauer, Nellie Bogosian, David Gourisaw, John Boyer, Tony Burich, Delores Buchner Dorch, Irene Buchner, Barbara Colleen Hammert, Erma Cottrell Biede, Patricia Crean Thomas, Richard Depigan, Lois Eggley Misemer, Lucille Emmons Sackett, Albert Gravelle, George H. H. Green, Hudson, John Huff, Leon Jilck, Merka Matcarrow Lindner, Ellen McIlroy Kovar, Irene McIntosh Dorch, Melvin McKay, Vera Meyers Whyers, John

Nenninger, Annie Petras Kovach, Mary Pinney Elliott, William Pistrui, Fred Ragsdale, Doris Raub Stark, Dorothy Raub Castleman, Goss, Ruth Schaeffer Schroeder Becker, Lucille Shabale Caban, Peggy Sparks Belcher, Carl Spiroff, Esther Suva, Bert St. Ivany, Grace Tempo Lehn, Louise Tritschler, Faviere Charles Vialy, Thelma Wieder Pitman, Verna Watts Dillon, Frances Wendel Robbers, Norma Wingerter Gerkin, Maxine Wyatt Rutter, Jean Young Knox.

Ode to the Class of '44 was read by Fred Raggade, author. Music was by "Class Act."

A tour of the renovated high school and picnic in Wilson Park climaxed the reunion activities.



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Roofers Donate time, materials to repair roof at Good Samaritan House



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From left, Dan O'Donnell and Tom Brumitt, members of Roofers Local No. 2, helped to repair the roof at the Good Samaritan House.

Members of the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer and Allied Workers Local 2, Aeronautical Program recently donated their time and expertise to repair the roof at the Good Samaritan House, 1825 Delmar, Granite City. In addition, Roofers Local 2, St. Louis County, donated all of the materials to complete the job.

"It was very rewarding to complete the job," said Dan Knight, apprentice coordinator. "We repaired all of the active leaks and did what we could to prolong the life of the existing roof."

The Good Samaritan House provides safe temporary housing for food and resources to women and children in need. The building is more than 50-years-old and the roof had significant leaks.

"We appreciate their help," said Dave Jenkins, a member of the Board of Directors with Good Samaritan House. "They did an excellent job."

The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer and Allied Workers Local 2 office is located at 2920 Locust St. in St. Louis. For more information, call (314) 535-9683.

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Eta Alumnae Chapter holds monthly luncheon meeting

Eleven members of the regular monthly meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter Phi Tau Omega Sorority at Ravanel's Restaurant, hosted by June Drew and Elsie Rodell.

Following luncheon, there was a luncheon meeting with

President Van Stuart presiding. Dec. 1 was set for the chapter's Christmas party at Ravanel's. Officers of the chapter will be in charge of the party.

Card games occupied the afternoon with prizes awarded to all attending.

Others attending not mentioned above were Betty Harris, Mildred Jungels, LaVeda Knobbe, Marguerite Lexow, Ann McDowell, Mary Lou Tonsick, Lois Winter and Mary Evalyne Yencho.

Church Women hold unit meeting

Church Women United Unit Meeting took place recently at Nameoki United Methodist Church. Devotions were led by Ola Jones.

The Christmas party is scheduled for 11 a.m. Dec. 3 at Nameoki United Methodist Church. Bring a covered dish, white elephant items and decorated basket of goodies for auction. All

CWU members and friends are welcome.

Other activities include the Layette program for Phoenix Crisis Center, the Good Samaritan House and Catholic Charities, the COOP meal for Church World Service and the Blanket program, the BAC program-Learning to Read and Tutoring and birthday

celebrations monthly at our two local Senior Service Centers (Colonades and Colonial).

Many other programs are ongoing and very supportive through Church Women United meetings at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

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Military news

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Cape is a medical specialist normally assigned to the 21st General Hospital, St. Louis. She is the daughter of Army Lt. Col. Melvin Cape of Lansing, Kan., and Jaye Gilliland of Granite City. The specialist is a 1996 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

Bari Baum has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

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News

Young at Heart senior citizens hold monthly meeting



Submitted photo

Police officer Sparks gave a talk on senior security at the meeting.

The Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church had its monthly meeting Oct. 18.

President Cleola Siebert called the meeting to order. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Officer Sparks gave a talk to members on Senior Security. During the 1950's and 1960's, I can remember my folks going to bed without closing their house and car doors. Times have changed and crimes are being committed every day. Certain people target seniors, and every year seniors lose thousands

of dollars to traveling con artists. Seniors are cautioned to be alert for the following scams: home repair fraud, utility employee impersonators, home diversion burglaries and medical examiner scams. Please report any such con attempt to your police department.

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HOME SECURITY—Burglars hate lights, so every senior should have motion lights or some type of light.

After Officer Sparks talked, minutes from the



Submitted photo

Young at Heart members Betty and Dale Ramsey celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.



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Young at Heart members Jan and Art Oberle celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary.

The cut-off date for reservation and payment is Nov. 19.

Another trip is scheduled for Dec. 19 to the St. Louis Zoo, Mo.

The price is \$30, which includes transportation, the show and dinner. The group

will leave the church parking lot at 11 a.m. The show starts at 1 p.m. and dinner between 5 and 5:30 p.m. The cut-off date for reservations and payment is Nov. 19.

Lucille Caban reported that the Crop Walk had 36 walkers and raised over \$2,000. The money collected \$500 stays in this area.

On Nov. 17, the Holy Family Community Center

will host a soup and bread meal. This is a way of helping keep the Koch center open.

On Dec. 26, Young at Heart will host and serve refreshments after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Attendance prizes were won by Connie McGee, Mattie Sotiroff, Dorothy McKinney, Ruth Rotter, Mary Rita Ahlers, Margaret Ferro and Katherine Sawicki.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15 in the church community center.

American Legion Auxiliary holds fall meeting

The 22nd District of the American Legion Auxiliary recently had its fall district meeting in the American Legion Post 214 in Bethalto.

The meeting was conducted by Maxine Gress, 22nd District president, of Bethalto. Special guests included Mary Ann Schwerman, department president; Sharon Conater, department first vice president, and Sandy Nys, department second vice president.

Department President Schwerman's special project this year will be three-fold: education scholarships; American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; and juvenile diabetes research.

Lunch was served to 48 members by Bethalto Unit 214.

Following lunch, the following guests addressed the

group: James Taylor, 22nd District senior vice commander; Carol Lee, Legion Post 113; Gayle Taylor, 5th Division president, and Margaret Payne, 5th

Division first vice president; Dorothy Hinson, past department president, gave a report on the 79th annual convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Dona Tankersley, first vice president and membership chairman announced the district has 74.06 percent of the membership dues collected at this date.

Mary Lamoreaux, second vice president and children youth chairman, reported on meetings in Evansville, Ind., and Bloomington. We will be stressing the spinae bear, the dog "Josh." Special Olympics and several other

children's programs. She will purchase gifts for children in a special home in our District area at Christmas.

The Rev. Janice Kessler, chaplain asked Units to donate to the Chapel of Four Chaplain's new building fund. A memorial was sent to the Education Fund in memory of Velma

Nicholasay, 5th District president from Wood River, who passed away in October.

Marjorie Leezey, Americanism chairman,

asked all to continue to fly our flags especially on holiday throughout the year. An essay contest will again take place in the schools for Americanism.

JoAnn Hogg, Auxiliary Emergency Fund chairman, collected \$42.47 for this fund. This fund provides assistance to Auxiliary members in need.

Margaret Payne, education chairman, announced the forms for scholarships were sent to the Units in September.

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News

Skating rink opening on ice

Motor meltdown closes rink

By Heather Cole
Staff writer

One of St. Louis's Thanksgiving traditions has simply melted away.

Since its opening 40 years ago, the Steinberg Skating Rink in Forest Park has been open on Thanksgiving, said Elizabeth Falk, rink manager.

But not this year. A faulty motor failed, and the rink stayed closed until at least late December.

The cooling system motor that keeps the rink on ice failed twice this month. The 40-year-old motor was repaired the first time by Zeller Electric, Inc., Falk said. Zeller Electric employee said after the repair that the motor could not be turned off, so Falk ran Skillman, the commissioner of Parks for the city Parks, Recreation and Forestry Division.

Power to the motor was stopped, however, during a planned outage by AmerenUE for construction at Barnes Jewish Children's Hospital.

Zeller Electric officials got a look at the motor Monday and said the bearings were bad, but there

may be more problems with the motor as well, Skillman said. Skillman said city offi-

"It's been a big question, who's to blame. We expressed to Ameren that if we lose power, we lose the ice."

Elizabeth Falk
manager, Steinberg Rink

cials are hoping the motor will be repaired by Christmas.

In the meantime, the rink, which is operated by Critter Company, will be closed during the busiest times of the year and will miss a third of the season, Falk said.

"It's been a big question, who's to blame," Falk said. "We expressed to Ameren that if we lose power, we lose the ice."

Skillman said the city was not intending to hold the electric company liable. The city already had been seeking to rehabilitate a similar

motor for use as a backup, Skillman said.

"We had some problems initially with the motor," Skillman said. "We were hopeful it would kind of limp through the season."

AmerenUE officials gave 10 days notice of the planned outage, said Susan Gallagher, a spokeswoman for the company. The hospital had to have the power for a crane it was operating, and couldn't wait until spring to cut off the power, she said.

Gallagher said AmerenUE knew the rink had been having problems with the motor but did not know the rink hadn't done anything to prepare for the outage.

The city may buy a new motor, Skillman said, but the motors cost \$18,000 to \$20,000, must be custom built, and can take up to six months to be delivered.

A canned food drive for Places for People is still underway at the rink during normal business hours, Falk said. When the rink does reopen, skaters will find all new skates and longer hours than last season, she said.

The rink will open all day, instead of only during scheduled skating times, she said.

Railroad enthusiast chugs away at replacing 'Amshack'

South Sider tired of broken promises

By Rich Corro
Correspondent

On Oct. 31, 1978, Richard Eichhorst rode the last train to leave Union Station.

The station was about to be pieced together a few blocks away at 560 S. 16th St. Twenty-one years later, that temporary station still stands, and Eichhorst, a long-time train enthusiast, is as steamed as an old locomotive.

That's why Eichhorst, a retired high school teacher, organized a Saturday morning rally of rail aficionados to express displeasure with unfulfilled government promises for a new, permanent station - one befitting a city of St. Louis's size and stature.

"Our main concern is not just for the 'Amshack' here, but St. Louis in general," Eichhorst, a South Side resident, said at the meeting.

"We talk about things, and very little gets done. This temporary station went into service in 1978 on Halloween," said Eichhorst.

At that time, a new station was expected within five

years. The station has just reached its 21st birthday.

"Last year we had a group of 30 volunteers here to help clean up the lot, and we were promised by next spring that 1999 would start turning the ground to do something. And here we are a year later and there's still talk that spring (of 2000) will be the time."

"We've been longer asking what spring, we're just asking which millennium," he said facetiously. "Even 15 years ago, they (Amtrak) said we would have a new station."

This temporary station is five mobile home shells that were bolted together to become a station.

Eichhorst said, "Well, it is serving a purpose. It is here, it is serving a purpose. It is here, the staff for making the best of it, but temporary to me means a short duration of time."

Eichhorst didn't act angry, but he expressed 21 years worth of frustration when he said, "I can't put the blame exactly on the city or Amtrak, because there's about four entities involved, and I don't know who to

blame. I think Amtrak's dragging their feet. The city has been cooperative here of late; Amtrak doesn't even give you an answer."

Plans for a drawing board include a new, multimodal facility that would accommodate Amtrak, MetroLink, Bi-State and Greyhound buses. The facility would be located between the elevated section of Highway 40 and the MetroLink tracks just south of Kiel Center, and would stretch from 14th to 16th Street.

Construction is expected to take a year and would cost \$22 million, Eichhorst said. Accommodations also would be made for high-speed Amtrak service. Funding would be provided by federal, state and city governments, as well as by Amtrak, a quasi-governmental entity.

Eichhorst says that same promise was made four years ago and still not a shovelful of earth has been turned. All this has Eichhorst chuffed.

At the Little Engine that Could, Eichhorst thinks he and others can reach the goal of a new station.

Income investing: There are more opportunities than you might think

By Jeff Proesser

With a record-setting bull market, it's tempting to think just for capital appreciation. But many people also invest for income. And, if you're one of them, you've got more opportunities than ever before.

When should you invest in income-producing assets? If you're in the early or middle stages of your career, you may or may not actually need the income, but you'll find that income-oriented investments can be a diversified portfolio that would otherwise contain a large percentage of growth stocks. As you enter retirement, you may well need investment income to supplement your other financial resources. Social Security, retirement plan distributions, etc.

In other words, you will probably need different amounts of investment

income at different times of your life. But where exactly should you put your money? Consider the following:

Certificate of Deposit - CDs promise you a fixed rate of return and guarantee your principal. If you invest \$10,000 in a one-year CD paying 5 percent, you will end up with \$10,500 in interest.

Treasury tax-free or government bonds - Bonds also offer a set interest rate. So, if you put your \$10,000 into a 7 percent bond due in 10 years, you will earn \$700 a year. You can then reinvest the bond matures, you will get your \$10,000 back. If you choose to sell the bond before the 10 years are up, you may get more or less than your \$10,000, depending on current market interest rates.

While no investment is risk-free, your principal is generally safe in good-quality bonds held to maturity. However, you still risk losing

purchasing power to inflation. But some income-producing investments, such as high-quality utility stocks and real estate investment trusts, offer the potential for growth that can overcome the effects of inflation.

High-quality utility stocks - Until a few years ago, natural gas and electric companies paid relatively steady dividends, but offered less potential for brisk price appreciation. Now, though, many utility companies are investing in non-regulated businesses, which can provide utilities with greater profits, increased earnings and higher stock prices.

Real estate investment trusts - REITs own and manage real property, such as shopping centers or apartment complexes. REITs are bought and sold on the market, just like stocks.

Apart from choosing different income-producing investments, you can also

follow different strategies to maximize your returns.

One such strategy is to create a "bond ladder." This simply means you buy bonds of different maturities, short-term, intermediate, and long-term.

When rates rise, you can reinvest some of your matured bonds into higher-rate bonds. But if rates are falling, you have given yourself some protection locking in higher yields typically offered by longer-term bonds.

By picking the right income-producing investments, you can go a long way toward meeting your financial goals now and in the future.

Jeff Proesser is an investment professional in the Granite City office of the St. Louis-based investment firm Edward Jones.

Time to think about year-end tax strategies

By Jeff Proesser

this year, you may want to wait until after your fund declares its capital gains distributions, which usually occurs in early December. Otherwise, you'll be liable for a whole year's worth of taxes, even if you only held the shares for a brief time. On the other hand, if you plan to sell shares, you'll want to do so before your fund reports its distribution.

Maximize your retirement plan contributions. If you haven't yet contributed the maximum allowable amount to your 401K or other employer-sponsored defined retirement plan, you might want to do so. These contributions are made with pre-

tax dollars, which will lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means they will accumulate faster than they would if they were invested in a taxable account with a similar yield.

In addition to fully funding your 401K, you may also be able to put in more to your "traditional" IRA, depending on your individual situation, these contributions may be tax deductible. (You have until April 17, 2000, to make IRA contributions for 1999.)

Make charitable gifts to a qualified organization by year-end, you can get an income tax deduction for the

year. If you transfer an appreciated asset that your have held over one year, such as a stock or a piece of land, you also receive a capital gain tax in the future.

Look for tax-favored investment opportunities. If you think that your investments are generating too much taxable income, consider exploring some tax-favored vehicles for next year. For example, you may be interested in tax-free investments, such as municipal bonds. (Earnings from Roth IRAs are growing free, provided you meet certain conditions.) Or you can consider tax-efficient investments, such as mutual funds that do little trading, thereby generating relatively small amounts of capital gains.

By taking these steps, you may be able to brighten your tax picture considerably. As with all decisions regarding your investments, consult your tax adviser before taking action. Because everyone's situation is different, not all strategies will be equally effective, but some of them may well work for you.

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News

Catholic group protests 'Dogma'

Member calls movie 'clearly anti-Catholic'

By Sonia Ahuja
Staff writer

"At AMC, we are committed to offering our guests convenience and variety in their choice of movies. We don't make the decision for our patrons of what movie they will or will not see."

Brenda Nolte
AMC Theatres spokeswoman

more than 100 people last week protested the showing of a movie they believe is offensive to Christians.

The film, "Dogma," has created controversy nationwide. It opened in the St. Louis area earlier this month and currently is playing at the Esquire Theatre and Howard Martin Whitcraft, a member of The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property.

The Catholic-inspired

civic organization gathered

and spoke at a protest

Saturday afternoon in front of the Esquire Theatre, 6706 Clayton Road in Clayton.

About 150 people took part

in a rally, many holding

placards denouncing

"Dogma" as blasphemous,

Whitcraft said.

Kenny Evans, marketing

coordinator for AMC

Theatres, which operates

the Esquire, said he would not

comment on the showing of

the movie or the protest.

According to Brenda

Nolte, AMC spokeswoman,

the Esquire protest was the

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Nolte said "We don't make

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Whitcraft says the movie

"is clearly anti-Catholic."

"It's very offensive, it is

hard to pick out one thing,"

said Whitcraft.

He said the most "outra-

geous" claim in the movie "is

probably the one that Christ

watches through his son on his

face as apostles fornicated."

He also said another

offensive claim the film

makes is that God is a woman.

He said the title "Dogma"

refers to Catholic dogma or doctrine.

"Catholics believe this dogma or doctrine is revealed to us by God, and we believe it to be infallible," he said.

Whitcraft said the movie's writer and director, Kevin Smith, was raised Catholic and has a vendetta against the church.

Muslims and Jews also have found the movie offensive.

Whitcraft said his organization's goal is "to try to restore Christian civilization."

The crisis of modern man has been brought on by the decline of Christianity," he said.

Several people spoke against the movie at the two-hour protest rally, Whitcraft said. They include former St. Louis Hawks basketball player Tom McFaul and state Rep. Carl Hendrickson, R-District 97.

Whitcraft described the Saturday event as "a rally of protest of right-wing fundamentalists all involved in the making of the film" and "an invitation of good spirit to not attend the film."

St. Peters man to stand trial for alleged Katy Trail attack

Kevin Verdell Cottingham is risk to community safety, judge says

By Steven Martens
Staff writer

A St. Peters man will stand trial for allegedly attacking a woman while she was jogging on the Katy Trail near Defiance in September.

Kevin Verdell Cottingham, 29, of the 500 block of Kimberly Lane, has been charged with felonious restraint, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon, according to court documents filed in St. Charles County Circuit Court by the county Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Cottingham was being held Friday in the St. Charles County jail in lieu of a \$20,000 bond, with no 10 percent allowed.

At Cottingham's preliminary hearing Thursday, the alleged victim testified that she had been jogging north

on the trail on the morning of Sept. 27 when she jogged past Cottingham, who was walking his dog. A few minutes later Cottingham gave up and fled into the woods on foot, the woman said.

Deputies from the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department apprehended Cottingham about 20 minutes later near the intersection of Holden Road and Highway 94.

Judge Daniel Pelikan denied a request to lower Cottingham's bond, calling him, "a substantial risk to the safety of the community."

"It's not lost on the court what could have happened if the victim had not fought and struggled and managed to get away," Pelikan said.

Cottingham will be arraigned in St. Charles County Circuit Court on Dec. 3.

County library acquires rare books

Books called 'godsend' to genealogists

By Rachael Kornblum
Staff writer

During the reign of the Nazis and the times of the Holocaust, entire families, communities and towns were erased.

Now families are trying to recover information about those people and towns.

The St. Louis County Library may be able to help with its recent acquisition of 85 rare Yizkor books.

A Yizkor book is a memorial book that contains a prayer for departed relatives. It also is a book about the memory of a town, or "shetl," that existed prior to the Holocaust.

During the Holocaust, people's names were taken away from them and they were given numbers as forms of identification. The books provide those names to help tracing genealogy and help families complete their histories.

The Yizkor books were written by survivors of the Holocaust in an effort to preserve the histories of their families, friends, neighbors and acquaintances who dis-

appeared. They are written about specific towns and contain information on culture, communities and genealogy of Jewish families.

There are only 1,000 of these books in existence.

Sylvia Jaffe and her husband Art are co-founders of the Jewish Genealogical Society of St. Louis, which is affiliated with the United Hebrew Congregation. The Yizkor books are a "godsend" to genealogists, Sylvia Jaffe said.

"It is very difficult to find information in this era," Jaffe said. "It is especially hard to get outside in Europe," she added.

The Yizkor books not only

list victims' names, but also

survivors' names. Some of

the books are rich in photo-

graphs and maps.

Birth dates and other information about the people of a town. They tell the town's history and often mention neighboring towns.

These books were written to honor memory and try to preserve that since towns were destroyed," said Joyce Loving, manager of special

collections for the library. The library also has maps of where these towns were, since they do not appear on today's modern maps, Loving said.

The St. Louis County Library acquired the books from Ideal Bookstore in New York City. It is one of only four libraries that have such books. The others are the New York Public Library, the University of California-Los Angeles Library and Yaad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem.

The Yizkor books will be available in the special col-

lections area of the library on Tier V. The area includes works that provide information on genealogy and assimilation, the study of collections of old coins. The area eventually will be expanded to include other unique resources.

The Jewish Genealogical Society also is available to help people wishing to learn more about their family histories. People can visit the society's web site at Jewishgen.org.

For more information about the Yizkor books, call 994-3300.

Frank's to participate in fund raiser

Nursery to donate \$1 to foundation for every Christmas tree sold

For the second consecutive year, customers and employees of the local Frank's Nursery & Crafts stores are participating in a program to help find a cure for breast cancer. For every fresh cut Christmas tree sold at the Frank's stores, Frank's will donate \$1 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the largest national foundation that focuses only on breast cancer.

Frank's is one of the

largest seller of Christmas trees in the country. All 256 Frank's stores are participating in the fund raiser. A significant portion of the money contributed stays in the local community to help friends and loved ones fighting the disease today, with the remainder going toward continuing research.

Frank's will promote the effort to heighten public awareness over the next several weeks through

their circulars and newspaper advertising which will reach over 22 million people. Breast Health informational flyers are being distributed at all the local Frank's Nursery & Crafts stores.

Nancy Brinker, founding chairperson and sister of the late Susan G. Komen said, "We truly appreciate the on-going commitment by Frank's employees and customers to increasing the

awareness of this deadly disease and the financial support that aids the foundation's search to find a cure."

Breast cancer is the No. 1 killer of women ages 35 to 54. The Frank's promotion heightens public awareness and provides a positive impact on a local and national level for this serious health concern.

Florist passes inspection

Shirl K Designs passes FTD standards

Shirl K Floral Designs of Granite City, recently passed a mandatory quality inspection by the FTD Association, an organization of more than 22,000 professional retail florist in the United States and Canada.

The FTD Association has the highest standards of membership in the floral industry and requires its members to adhere to strict requirements for membership in order to use the FTD Mercury Man logo and transfer floral orders within the expansive FTD network.

Shirl K Floral Designs is owned by Carol Pearcey and Kathy Hamilton of Granite City since December 1982, and employs 13 people.

Trees & Poinsettias by the experts at

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

Fresh-cut trees and poinsettias are a must at many a home during the holidays. And to keep them fresh and enjoyable throughout the season, a little care is required. Here's what you need to know.

The poinsettia plant originated in the warm climates of Mexico, and it definitely favors that hot, humid type of environment. So how can it be popular at Christmas time in the north? Read on.

Poinsettias can survive a St. Louis winter if one requirement is met: Keep them indoors. Your home probably isn't anywhere near as hot as Mexico in mid-summer, but it doesn't have to be. Plant breeding has resulted in poinsettia varieties well suited to the typical home environment.

We don't know if it's a case of the poinsettia loving the heat or hating the cold, but it really doesn't matter. It can handle the transition from store to car to home, but not much more. If you buy a plant and leave it in an unattended car for any length of time, it won't survive. And a "length of time" in this case is no more than a few minutes.

Once you get the plant home, unwrap it and place it in a brightly lit area that's not too cold. It should not be placed in direct sunlight, however. Don't place it near doorways or anywhere else where the possibility of drafts exists. Above all, don't allow the foliage to touch windowsills, since this can result in leaf damage. The plant shouldn't be kept near a window anyway.

Caring for your plant is not much different than any other houseplant. Prevent leaf drop by avoiding rapid temperature fluctuations. These are mostly caused by drafts, so if the plant's in a safe place, you'll have little to worry about. As for watering, allow the top one-fourth of the soil to dry between waterings. You should not allow the plant to sit in water.

Tree Care
To properly care for your fresh-cut tree, follow these steps.

Prior to setting the tree up, a fresh cut should be made across the trunk, lopping an inch or so off the bottom. The tree should be placed in a stand full of water within 12 hours of making the cut. If that's not possible, make the cut (or another one) just prior to set-up.

Make sure the tree fits the stand before bringing it inside. Take the stand to the tree and test it first. It's much easier to trim the trunk to size.

Fill the stand with water as soon as the tree is placed in it. It can absorb up to a gallon of water in the first 24 hours; add water as needed. After a day or so, it won't absorb the water as fast, but it will still need water daily.

Don't place the tree near fireplaces, heat registers or any other heat source. Also, it should be kept out of drafts, so near the front door isn't a good location.

Always check lights before placing them on the tree. If any sets show even the slightest signs of damage (frayed cords, loose sockets, etc.), throw them away. New light sets aren't expensive, and they'll give you piece of mind.

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Got Turkey?

Big bird spreads flavors to savor in lucky encores

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Unlike milk, turkey leaves no mustache as proof of its use as a sandwich spread. The aroma from its roasting holds the evidence or even third invitations.

Turkey sandwiches, key sour-turkey salad and turkey tetrazzini are classics. But the sky is the limit for next-day nibbles. The "next day" may mean to a day or two if foods are stored carefully.

Each part of the dinner puzzle should be stored separately in airtight packaging. It is not safe to eat at room temperature more than a total of two hours, lest it lose its safe edge. Hot foods should be cooled down quickly, so

smaller packaging is wise. A carbon copy of today's feast can be reheated in a foil packet.

For each serving center 1/2 cup leftover 1/2 cup mashed potatoes on a 12-by-18-inch sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Top with 3 or 4 slices cooked turkey.

Combine 3/4 cup turkey gravy (from the meal or a jar), 1/8 teaspoon sage or thyme and a pinch of pepper. Spoon the gravy over the turkey. Fold up the foil, filling the edges, and drop the formed foil liner inside.

Spoon a mixture of 2 cups chopped, cooked turkey, 1/2 cup leftover turkey gravy, 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas and carrots or other favorite vegetables, 1/2 teaspoon sage and 1/8 teaspoon pepper into the foil pie plate.

The packets also can be

frozen up to 4 weeks. Bake them on a cookie sheet 35 to 40 minutes.

Turkey Pot Pie is a bonus from roasted turkey to keep in the freezer for future meals. These, too, can be frozen in heavy-duty aluminum foil to use whenever the occasion arises.

To quickly reheat a pie plate with foil for storage is to press it against the outside of a pie plate turned upside-down, remove the foil, fill the pie plate and drop the formed foil liner inside.

Spoon a mixture of 2 cups chopped, cooked turkey, 1/2 cup leftover turkey gravy, 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas and carrots or other favorite vegetables, 1/2 teaspoon sage and 1/8 teaspoon pepper into the foil pie plate.

Cover with another sheet of foil. Fold bottom and top foil sheets to make a packet and freeze. Once the pie is frozen solid, remove the pie plate and return the packet to the freezer.

When it is time to bake the pot pie, return the frozen foil packet to the original pie plate and remove the top sheet of foil. Place a refrigerated pie crust over the frozen filling. Fold up excess crust to form an edge and seal it to the dish with a fork.

Bake the pie in a preheated 400-degree oven 55 to 60 minutes until the crust is golden brown and filling is hot. If the pie crust starts to brown too much, fold the foil border over the edge.

Color and flavor may change when English

muffins are split in half on a baking sheet, spread with cranberry sauce, sprinkled with shredded mozzarella cheese, then chopped cooked turkey. Top each stack with a slice of canned pineapple and sprinkle with more mozzarella cheese.

Cover with another sheet of foil. Bottom and top foil sheets to make a packet and freeze. Once the pie is frozen solid, remove the pie plate and return the packet to the freezer.

When it is time to bake the pot pie, return the frozen foil packet to the original pie plate and remove the top sheet of foil. Place a refrigerated pie crust over the frozen filling. Fold up excess crust to form an edge and seal it to the dish with a fork.

Bake the pie in a preheated 400-degree oven 55 to 60 minutes until the crust is golden brown and filling is hot. If the pie crust starts to brown too much, fold the foil border over the edge.

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Penne alla Carbonara

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Muffin Bakes

Turkey Melts
(in same photo with)
Tuscan
Pumpkin,
Bean and
Turkey Soup

Hot Turkey and Cheddar Casserole

TURKEY CASSEROLE IN BAKED SHELLS

- 6 fajita-size flour tortillas
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 medium clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 can (10 oz.) cream of broccoli cheese soup
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups cooked, cubed turkey
- 1/2 cup cooked broccoli florets
- 1 cup sliced cooked carrot
- 1/4 cup sliced green onion

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly brush six (1-cup) custard cups or small ovenproof bowls with softened butter. Fill each cup with a tortilla. Layer mushrooms and garlic by warming briefly in skillet or microwave. Gently push tortilla into cup or bowl. Place a layer of cheese soup over each tortilla. Add a layer of sour cream and cheese. Blend well. Add turkey, broccoli, carrots and green onions. Spoon 3/4 cup filling into each tortilla shell. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until filling is hot. Carefully remove shells from cups and serve. Makes 6 servings.

TUSCAN PUMPKIN, BEAN AND TURKEY SOUP

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 6 to 8 cups turkey, chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 1 can (14 oz.) cannellini or great Northern beans, drained
- 1/2 cup cooked turkey, coarsely chopped
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Grated mozzarella cheese for garnish

In a large, heatproof, 4-tablespoon capacity measuring cup, sauté onion, celery and garlic, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes until vegetables are very soft and just begin to brown. Combine pumpkin until mixture is smooth. Simmer 15 minutes. Stir in beans and turkey. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer about 10 minutes longer until beans are tender. Serve soup hot with a teaspoon of olive oil drizzled over top of each serving. Sprinkle with cheese. Makes 8 open-faced sandwiches, 300 calories, 17 g protein, 18 g carbohydrates, 30 g fat, 6 g fiber, 6 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 20 mg potassium, 6 g lactose per sandwich. Based on 4 servings with 1/2 sandwich per person.

HOT TURKEY AND CHEDDAR CASSEROLE

- Butter
- 3 cups (about 16 oz.) cubed (1-inch) cooked turkey
- 3/4 cup (5 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup cornflakes, crushed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat 13-by-9-inch baking dish with butter. In medium bowl, combine turkey, celery, water chestnuts, red bell pepper, mayonnaise, lemon juice, cheddar cheese and crushed cornflakes. Mix well. Spoon mixture into prepared dish. Bake in preheated oven 25 to 30 minutes until heated through. Sprinkle with shredded mozzarella cheese and cheddar. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake 8 to 10 minutes longer until cheese melts. Makes 8 servings.

TURKEY MELTS

- 2 cups cooked turkey, cut in 1/2 inch dice
- 1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup onions, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp. minced fresh cilantro, if desired
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- Salt, if desired
- 4 English muffins, split, lightly toasted
- Sliced tomato, if desired
- Lettuce, if desired
- 1 can (8 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese

In bowl, combine turkey, celery, onions, cilantro and mayonnaise. Mix in barbecue sauce to bind mixture. Season with salt. Store in refrigerator. Warm English muffin halves on baking sheet. Top with tomato, turkey mixture, lettuce and cheese. Broil until cheese is melted, about 4 to 6 minutes until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 open-faced sandwiches, 300 calories, 17 g protein, 18 g carbohydrates, 30 g fat, 6 g fiber, 6 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 20 mg potassium, 6 g lactose per sandwich. Based on 4 servings with 1/2 sandwich per person.

PENNE ALLA CARBONARA

- 12 oz. uncooked penne or other tube pasta
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 oz. hard or Genoa salami, cut julienne in strips 2 inches long
- 20 small leaves of fresh sage, stems removed
- 20 red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) ricotta cheese, cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 5 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup (4 oz.) freshly grated parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, if desired

Cook penne according to package directions. Melt butter with oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook salami until it begins to brown. Remove from oil and add red pepper. Cool 1 minute longer. While still hot, add sage and wine to heat through. Keep warm over low heat. Whisk together eggs and cream and strain to combine well. Stir in half the cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

Dip each piece of pasta immediately in turkey mixture. Stir in egg mixture. Over low heat, continue stirring to cook eggs, making thick sauce. Serve immediately. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Makes 8 servings. 420 calories, 26 g protein, 26 g fat, 18 g carbohydrates, 240 mg sodium and 260 mg cholesterol each.

CURRIED TURKEY PACKETS

- 2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) diced tomatoes
- 2 cups chopped, peeled tomatoes
- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) drained canned mandarin oranges, juice reserved
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup crushed red bell pepper
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups curry powder
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 cup rice
- 1/4 cup crushed red bell pepper flakes
- Optional toppings: chopped fresh cilantro, mango chutney, shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine tomatoes, turkey, orange juice, mandarin oranges, raisins, coconut, crushed red bell pepper, sugar, curry powder, salt and rice. Mix well. Spoon mixture into four 12-by-8-inch baking sheets. Top with each of four 12-by-8-inch pieces of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Bring up sides of foil, crimping top and ends to seal, leaving room for air circulation. Bake 30 minutes until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle over rice. Top with cilantro, chutney and coconut. Makes 8 servings.

Note: Packets can be frozen up to 4 weeks. Bake frozen packets on cookie sheet 25 to 30 minutes.

MEDITERRANEAN COOKIES

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 cup (8 oz.) diced (1/4 inch) carrots
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1 bunch green onions, trimmed, sliced
- 1 cup whole wheat or vegetable flour
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- Sliced cooked turkey, warmed

Fold all over medium heat in wide sauté pan. Sauté carrots and garlic 5 to 8 minutes until softened. Add cranberries, peas and onions. Sauté 2 minutes. Pour in cold sugar. Remove from heat. Stir in carrots, onions and cranberries. Cool mixture with spoon. Serve hot. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Vegetables snuggle into cooler season

Side dishes for a special meal deserve as much attention as the turkey or roast. The best make good use of seasonal produce, while looking beautiful and tasting great. They also do double duty as main dishes for vegetarians.

The best side dish recipes dazzle guests without requiring much preparation.

Onions, potatoes and mushrooms are assets to keep on hand.

For instance, mellow colors and flavors of Roasted Mushrooms and Winter Vegetables add up to an attention-getting side dish. It is a snap to prepare.

Simply toss together white mushrooms, shiitake mushrooms, carrots, sweet potatoes, onions and garlic, then roast the mixture when convenient. Serve them heaped high in a pretty casserole dish or arrange them around the edge of turkey or roast beef on a platter.

Some people appreciate stuffing more than turkey, so it should be special.

Mushroom, Onion and Walnut Stuffing is one appetizing combo that will vanish rapidly from even the most bountiful holiday table.

ROASTED MUSHROOMS WITH WINTER VEGETABLES

12 oz. fresh white mushrooms

4 oz. shiitake mushrooms (or replace with more white mushrooms)
5 medium sweet potatoes (about 2 lb.)
2 medium onions
12 large cloves garlic
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tbsp. chopped fresh or 1-1/2 tsp. crushed dried rosemary
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Trim white mushrooms. Remove and discard shiitake stems. Peel and cut sweet potatoes in half lengthwise, then cut into 1/2-inch wedges. Cut onions in 1/2-inch wedges. Cut garlic cloves in half.

In large bowl, combine oil, rosemary, salt and pepper. Toss with mushrooms, sweet potato, onion and garlic until coated.

In 2 shallow roasting pans, arrange vegetables in single layer. Roast in preheated oven, stirring once, about 25 minutes until tender.

Mixture can be roasted in advance and reheated in hot oven.

Makes 6 servings; 234 calories, 4 g protein, 10 g fat and 35 g carbohydrate each.

MUSHROOM, ONION AND WALNUT STUFFING

1-1/4 lb. fresh white or crimini (brown) mushrooms, trimmed, sliced
3 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup coarsely chopped onion
2 cups water
1 pkg. (about 6 oz.) herb-seasoned stuffing mix (about 4 cups)
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
Salt to taste
Chopped fresh parsley, if desired

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Cook and stir onion about 5 minutes until tender. Spoon into large bowl.

Melt another tablespoon butter in skillet. Add half the mushrooms. Cook and stir about 5 minutes until golden. Add to onion. Repeat with remaining butter and mushrooms.

Add water to skillet. Stir to loosen browned bits. Pour into mushroom mixture. Stir in stuffing mix, walnuts, pepper and salt.

Spoon into shallow 2- to 3-quart casserole. Bake in preheated oven about 45 minutes until brown and crisp on top. Sprinkle with parsley.

Yields 6 servings; 237 calories, 7 g protein, 10 g fat and 31 g carbohydrate each.



Mushrooms, sweet potatoes and onions get a push from rosemary for a flavorful roast.

Top timeless casserole with onion or creativity

Some people come home just for the Classic Green Bean Casserole. Others wish they could replace it with a new tradition.

Now everyone has an opportunity to give it a try.

Eager cooks can enter their own variation of this tempting holiday favorite in the "Can You Top the Green Bean Casserole?" contest, sponsored by French's french-fried onions.

To enter, create an original main dish or side dish using at least 1-1/2 cups of french-fried onions.

Send the recipe by Dec. 30 to: French's "Can You Top the Green Bean Casserole?" Contest, 411 Park St., Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043.

Here's the classic recipe and an upstart for inspiration.

CLASSIC GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom

soup
3/4 cup milk
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 pkg. (9 oz. each) frozen cut green beans, thawed, or 2 cans (14.5 oz. each) cut green beans, drained
1-1/3 cups french fried onions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In 1-1/2-quart casserole, stir together soup, milk and pepper until well blended. Stir in beans and 2/3 cup onions.

Bake in preheated oven 30 minutes or until hot. Stir. Sprinkle with remaining 1/3 cup onions. Bake 5 minutes longer or until onions are golden.

Makes 6 servings.

ORIENTAL PORK AND BEANS

1 lb. pork tenderloin, cut in 1-inch cubes

2 tbsp. soy sauce
1 tbsp. olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 lb. fresh green beans, sliced diagonally
1 cup frozen corn
1/4 cup water
1 tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup plus 2 tbsp. french-fried onions
Cooked rice

In bowl, combine pork, soy sauce, olive oil and garlic. Cover. Marinate in refrigerator 20 minutes.

Heat oil in large skillet. Add pork. Cook about 10 minutes, tossing until brown.

Add green beans and corn. Cook, covered, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Combine water and cornstarch. Mix thoroughly. Add to mixture in skillet with 1 cup onions. Bring to boil. Cook 2 minutes or until sauce thickens.

Serve over rice. Sprinkle each serving with a few onions.

Makes 4 servings.



A contest offers opportunity to improve on the Classic Green Bean Casserole - although traditionalists say it is impossible.

STARRY ORANGE SURPRISE

1 can (15.25 oz.) cosmic or sea creatures shaped pineapple ice cubes
 1-1/2 cups boiling water
 1 pkg. (8 servings) orange gelatin
 1 tub (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add ice to juice to make 2 cups.

In bowl, stir boiling water into gelatin until dissolved. Stir in juice mixture. Continue stirring until ice is melted.

Pour 2-1/2 cups of gelatin into bowl. Stir in pineapple until smooth. Reserve at room temperature.

Stir half the whipped topping into remaining gelatin until smooth. Divide among 10 dessert cups or spoon into 2-1/2-cup bowl. Refrigerate 10 minutes or until set but not firm (sticks to finger when touched).

Spoon gelatin-mixture with pineapple over gelatin in bowl.

Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Garnish with remaining whipped topping.

Makes 10 servings; 160 calories, 4 g fat, no cholesterol, 41 mg sodium, 27 g carbohydrate and 2 g protein each.

CHOCOLATE CHIP PECAN PIE

3 eggs, slightly beaten
 1-1/4 cups corn syrup
 Pinch of salt
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup pecan halves
 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
 1 unbaked (9-inch) pie shell

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Combine eggs, corn syrup, salt, vanilla and sugar. Mix well. Stir in pecans and chocolate chips. Pour into unbaked pie shell.

Bake in preheated oven about 55 minutes, or until pie is set. Cool.

Serve topping on pie. Makes 8 servings.

Dampen 2 dozen chicken drumettes with water and shake off excess. Place a few pieces at a time in bag. Seal and shake thoroughly to coat with chips.

Arrange in greased shallow baking pan. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 30 to 40 minutes until crisp.

MARIACHI DRUMSTICKS

In large resealable plastic bag, combine 1-1/4 cups crushed tortilla chips and 1 package taco seasoning.

shell 1 cup whipped cream or topping

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Combine eggs, corn syrup, salt, vanilla and sugar. Mix well. Stir in pecans and chocolate chips. Pour into unbaked pie shell.

Bake in preheated oven about 55 minutes, or until pie is set. Cool.

Serve topping on pie. Makes 8 servings.

SUGARED SOFT GINGER BARS

1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
 1 egg
 1/4 tsp. molasses
 1 tsp. vanilla
 3 cups flour
 1 tsp. baking soda
 2 tsp. cinnamon
 1-1/2 tsp. ground ginger
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
 3 tbsp. coarse decorator sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan.

In large bowl, beat granu-

lated sugar and butter, using electric mixer at medium speed and scraping bowl often, 1 to 2 minutes until well mixed. Add egg, molasses and vanilla.

Continue beating, scraping bowl often, 1 to 2 minutes until well mixed.

Reduce speed to low. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon and ginger. Continue beating, scraping bowl often, until well mixed.

Press dough into prepared pan. Sprinkle decorator sugar on top. Bake in preheated oven 16 to 20 minutes until golden brown.

Cool completely. Cut in desired shapes with knife or cookie cutters.

Makes 48 bars.

Ginger Hang-Ups:
 Carefully make hole in top of bars with drinking straw. Cool. Thread 1/8-inch ribbon through hole and tie bow.

Today's Food

Stand tall for being American as mustard

By Dana Jacobi
Correspondent

Markets sell Dijon mustard made in the U.S. plus imported from France. But be proud about bright yellow, tumeric-rich mustard and the spicier, brown mustard sold next to it. Their land of origin is the good ol' United States of America.

An American, George T. French, first made them in

1904 for the R.T. French Co. of Rochester, N.Y. Mustards have proliferated.

A mail order catalog offers a green chile and garlic flavor, another with sesame, ginger and scallion, and a third flavored with onion and bacon. Still, "ball park" mustard remains the favorite.

For squirming at a hot dog and adding spark to meatloaf, nothing can replace the classic. Even a veggie burger tastes more satisfying sandwiched with a dollop of mildly sharp yellow mustard.

Stuffed eggs and egg salad profit from the faintly sweet warmth of brown mustard.

Americans love sweet mustards, although others get credit for their invention.

The French mixed honey into mustard back in the 1700s, while the Scots added heather honey. Today, "honey mustard" deceptively describes a product sweetened with brown sugar or corn syrup or one containing a token amount of actual honey. Fortunately, these products usually taste good.

Honey mustards go well with poultry and salmon. The time savers blend with

ketchup and orange juice for an instant glaze. Add touches of molasses and vinegar and presto! - it becomes barbecue sauce.

Making a delicious honey mustard dip is as simple as mixing mustard with mayonnaise. However, this recipe version is a sauce with dill and lime juice that

Scandinavians serve with gravlax, a pickled salmon

With few calories, no cholesterol and fat, and the ability to enhance flavors instantly, mustard is a boon.

Barry Levinson, president of the Mount Horeb Mustard Museum in Wisconsin, calls it "a freebie in your diet for getting lots of flavor."

Cookbook author Dana Jacobi submits this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C. She created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."



Honey Mustard Sauce is an easy fix for simple flavors that need pep.

HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE

1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
2 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
1 tbsp. fresh lime juice
1/4 tsp. salt
Freshly ground pepper

In small bowl, combine mustard, mayonnaise, dill, lime juice and salt. Season to taste with pepper. Cover with plastic wrap. Before serving, let sauce sit at least 20 minutes or refrigerate overnight. Serve with roasted and grilled poultry, meats and

seafood, including salmon, gravlax and shrimp.

Makes 1 cup, 31 calories and 2 g fat per 1-tablespoon serving.

PASTA AND CRAB CAESAR SALAD

1/4 cup white wine vinegar
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Juice of 1 lemon
1/2 cup olive oil (garlic-flavored preferred)

1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish
8 oz. uncooked fusilli (corkscrew-shaped) pasta
2 cans (6 oz. each) lump crabmeat, rinsed, drained, flaked
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup sliced carrot

1/4 cup pitted black olives, sliced
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

In small bowl, combine vinegar, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Slowly whisk in olive oil. Add 1/4 cup parmesan cheese. Cook pasta according to manufacturer's directions. Drain, rinse with cool water, then drain again.

In large bowl, combine pasta, crabmeat, mushrooms, carrots, olives and parsley. Add dressing. Mix well.

Serve on seafood mixture on bed of greens. Sprinkle top with parmesan cheese. Makes 4 servings.

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Today's Food

Variety is the core of apple enjoyment

Apples hit their prime when they are picked, but the season is long-lasting and storage for apples is among the best. It lets the crispy, sweet, juicy assets of the fruit last far beyond their life on trees.

Many states provide favorite commercial varieties, including traditional Jonathan, McIntosh, Red Delicious, Northern Spy, Ida Red, Rome and Golden Delicious. Michigan, a leader in varietal apples, grows other new varieties, like Empire, Gala, Jonamac, Braeburn, Spartan, Ginger Gold, Fuji, Jonamac and Honeycrisp.

Michigan also supplies the processed apple industry with the apples for juice, cider, sauce and pie filling. More information about them, including recipes for apples and apple desserts, is available at the web site <http://MichiganApples.com>.

Finding uses for apples this time of year is not difficult.

Waldorf Salad has staying power. This version is low in fat and nutritious.

Apple Praline Pie has a crunchy layer with pecans in the bottom and on top of the fruit. It can be served warm with ready-to-

go whipped cream from an aerosol can.

It is one of 50 winning fruit recipes from a Reddi-Wip contest. The pie winner from Washington and the other 50 states and the District of Columbia by sending a check for \$1.00 for postage, plus name, address and zip code printed on a 3-by-5-inch card to: 50 Fruit Salute Recipe Collection, P.O. Box 806, Department R, Riverton, N.J. 08077-0806. Its web site www.reddiwip.com also has recipes and entertaining ideas.

WALDORF SALAD

4 cups cubed red-skinned apples
1 cup halved green grapes
2/3 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup broken walnuts, if desired
1/2 cup frozen reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed
1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise

Thoroughly combine all ingredients. Serve immediately.

ately or chill 1 hour. Yields six (2/3 cup) servings; 100 calories, 3 g fat, no cholesterol, 20 g carbohydrate, 29 mg sodium and 3 g dietary fiber each.

APPLE PRALINE PIE

1/2 cup flour
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Unbaked (9 inch) single-crust pastry shell
4 cups chopped, peeled, cored cooking apples (Jonathan, McIntosh, Rome, Golden Delicious suggested)
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 tbsp. quick-cooking tapioca
1 tsp. lemon juice
Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In medium bowl, combine



Fresh apples served in salad, like a Waldorf, should be treated gently to prevent bruising. They can be stored at room temperature, but keep longer - in a refrigerator.

flour and brown sugar. Using fork, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in pecans.

Place one-third crumb mixture in bottom of unbaked pastry.

In second bowl, combine

apples, granulated sugar, tapioca and lemon juice. Let stand 20 minutes.

Spoon apple mixture on top of crumbs in pastry. Top with remaining crumbs.

Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes. Reduce oven tem-

perature to 350 degrees. Bake 20 minutes longer or until apples are tender and topping is golden.

Serve warm with whipped cream on top.

Makes 8 servings.

CONVECTION-BAKED STROGANOFF

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
2 lb. bottom round beef steak, cut in thin strips
1 large onion, thinly sliced
8 oz. mushrooms, sliced
2 tbsp. flour
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup dry red wine
1/4 cup tomato paste
1 bay leaf
1 cup beef broth
1/2 cup sour cream
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

In wide skillet over medium heat, melt 2 tablespoons butter. Cook beef, half at a time, browning all sides. Transfer strips as they brown to deep 3-quart baking pan.

In same skillet, melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Cook onion and mushrooms until golden. Remove pan from heat.

Mix in flour, garlic, salt, pepper, wine, tomato paste, bay leaf and broth. Stir until blended.

Pour mixture over meat. Cover tightly. Bake in 250 degree convection oven about 4 hours or until meat is very tender.

Mix in sour cream. Sprinkle with parsley.

Makes 6 servings.

CHARLESTON RICE

Cook 1/2 cup coarsely chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped celery and 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper in 1 tablespoon margarine until tender.

Add 3 cups cooked rice, 1 can (2-1/2 ounces) mushrooms (drained and chopped), 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 1/2 teaspoon dried celery seed and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Thoroughly stir in 1 egg, beaten before mixing.

Spoon into lightly greased, shallow, 1-1/2 quart casserole. Cover. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 15 minutes.

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Today's Food

Invite lovable spuds to party of favorites

**By Lisa Gassmann
Correspondent**

This time of year with Thanksgiving as a prelude, family and friends gather.

HEARTY BITES

for delicious, abundant home-cooked meals. The crowd races for grandma's mashed potatoes, but potatoes are a party mainstay any time of year.

Potatoes differ in the amount of starch they hold, so they must be purchased

according to their use. Idaho russets have a high starch content, so they are good for baking, roasting and mashing. They make wonderful croquettes, twice-baked potatoes, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and gnocchi.

Lower-starch potatoes are also called "new" potatoes. These varieties have a thin red or white skin, more moisture and, sometimes, waxy skins. They are best used boiled or in salad or creamy soups.

Medium starch or all-purpose potatoes fall between the two. Still too starchy for simple boiling, they provide good, if not ideal, results when mashed, baked, roasted, scalloped, stewed or cut in salads.

These all-purpose potatoes also can be used for casseroles, zesty stir-fries and widely-used favorites, like garlic-rosemary potatoes, skinny fries and golden mashed potatoes.

Common all-purpose potatoes are eastern round whites, California long whites and Yukon golds.

Sweet potatoes color the

family brilliantly orange when baked. They taste good mashed, roasted and many other ways white potatoes and winter squash are prepared.

Not only are potatoes versatile and easy to use, but they provide nutrients.

Potatoes are fat-free and cholesterol-free with almost no sodium. A medium white potato eaten with the skin contains about 200 calories. They are a good source of fiber, vitamin C and other vitamins and minerals. Sweet potatoes come with a load of vitamin A.

To keep the potato flavorful and healthy, try toppings and recipe substitutions like fat-free ranch dressing or sour cream, low-fat or skim milk, plain yogurt, cheese, plain yogurt, low-fat cheese, chicken broth and salsa.

For a change from traditional mashed potatoes, try this recipe from the "American Medical Association Family Health Cookbook - Good Food That's Good For You." It will add spice to the next holiday party.

Lisa Gassmann is a dietitian

ic intern at Veterans Hospital writing on behalf of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

baking dish with nonstick cooking spray (olive oil, if desired) and rub with cut sides of garlic.

Melt margarine in medium heat. Over medium heat, cook onion stirring often, about 4 minutes until it begins to soften. Add salt and 3/4 teaspoon pepper. Stir to combine.

Cover bottom of baking dish with one-third potatoes. Spread with half the onion mixture and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon flour. Make another layer of half the remaining potatoes. Spread with remaining onion and flour. Top with last of the potatoes.

Heat broil and broil to simmer. Pour over potatoes until liquid comes just to top of potatoes. Sprinkle with pepper.

Bake in preheated oven 50 to 60 minutes until potatoes are soft and most of liquid is absorbed.

Sprinkle with chives before serving.

Makes 6 servings; 215 calories, 2 g fat (1 g saturated), 5 mg cholesterol and 273 mg sodium each.

GOLDEN SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH CHIVES

1 clove garlic, cut in half
1 tsp. margarine
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 tsp. pepper, plus additional to taste
2-1/2 lb. Yukon gold potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced
2 tbsp. flour
2 cups (1 percent) milk
1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
3 tbsp. snipped chives

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly coat 2-quart

1/2 fat.

QUICK TURKEY SOUP

8 cups turkey broth
1 small onion, chopped
2 carrots, peeled, minced
1 rib celery, thinly sliced
2 oz. uncooked egg noodles
1 cup finely chopped, cooked turkey
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp. finely chopped fresh parsley

Bring broth to boil. Add onion, carrot and celery. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add pasta and turkey. Cook 5 to 10 minutes longer until pasta is tender. Add salt and pepper. Stir in parsley.

Serve hot.

Makes 5 servings; 153 calories, 14 g protein and 5 g fat.

Note: To reduce cooking time, microwave chopped vegetables 2 minutes on high power or until wilted. Add to hot turkey broth.

Turkey fowls up meals better the second time

**By Mary Schroeper
Correspondent**

Meals in minutes are the norm in families. Leftovers

invite creativity to use this bonus in the refrigerator.

Turkey slices or stuffing not planned for use in the meal days should be frozen, rather than refrigerated, for best quality.

Rely on leftovers for future meals. Stock the freezer with turkey, dressing, casseroles, soups and desserts - all individually wrapped airtight and dated in heavy-duty aluminum foil, freezer bags or freezer boxes.

Add thawed and cooked turkey to casseroles, soups, sandwiches and salads for a quick main dish.

For best flavor use turkey within one month of purchase. Replace canned pumpkin with an equal amount of pureed sweet potatoes in pies and pumpkin bread.

Wise Ways home economists share favorite recipes using remains of the feast.

Apple-Pie Turkey Salad is a specialty of Jananne Finck. Quick Turkey Soup is an annual event for my family.

Home economist Mary Schroeper is nutrition specialist with University

Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

APPLE-PIE TURKEY SALAD

2-1/4 cups cubed, cooked turkey
2 cups diced celery
2 cups cored, diced granny Smith apple
1/4 to 1/2 cup raisins
2 tbsp. light mayonnaise
2 tbsp. plain or vanilla low-fat yogurt
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Salt and pepper, if desired

In large bowl, combine turkey, celery, unpeeled apples and raisins.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt, nutmeg and cinnamon. Fold into turkey mixture. Season to taste.

Makes 12 servings. Total caloric value: 142 per portion. 13 g carbohydrates, 4 g fat, 41 mg cholesterol and 102 mg sodium each. Food exchanges: 2 meat, 1 fruit, 1/2 vegetable, 1 nonfat milk.

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Today's Food

Combo ovens, practical helps dawn in microwaves

By Kathy Hanewinkel
Correspondent

So it's time to buy a new microwave. Maybe the old one did after a dutiful life and the time is ripe to ask for one as a holiday "surprise."

Like many appliances, the average life span is 10 to 20 years, but can vary. One I bought in 1976 still cooks after a single change of a light bulb. Many people buy a

second one now for the kitchen, den, office, basement or dorm room.

Here's the scoop.

Most microwave ovens have not changed with huge flags and warranties in the last 10 years. It's up to which oven with favorite features that will be used. Many individual features come without much, if any, additional cost.

The newest microwave oven is the GE Advantium combination. What makes it new is the halogen part of the oven.

A halogen oven cooks with a powerful, bright light about 75 percent faster than conventional heat. It can be used as a halogen oven, a microwave oven with 950 watts of power or in combination.

The oven's price reflects its position as the latest, top-of-the-line unit. It requires a dedicated 240V line, whereas a simple microwave oven uses a dedicated 110-120V line.

The Advantium, now available above the cooktop with a

fan, soon will come in a wall oven configuration.

• Microwave ovens combined with convection or conventional ovens, commonly called "combi," are for the individual components - even as a toaster oven in some countertop models - in alternating modes.

These ovens cost a little more than a simple microwave. They seem a little more difficult to clean, too.

Automatic sensor ovens sense the amount of humidity released by a product and signal the product is done. Nearly every brand has at least one model - some available for about \$100 - with this feature developed about 15 years ago. The cook only punches the button and covers the food and covers the dish.

A few models contain a scale. When a cook tells the oven what is being cooked, the oven weighs it and figures the timing.

• All magnetrons operate on wattage from 400 to 1500. The higher the number, the quicker and more powerfully it operates. A 1500-watt oven

boils a cup of water in about a minute, while it will take a 400-watt oven more than 3 minutes. This is why some office microwave ovens take a long time to heat a frozen entrée.

• Personal taste and space determine size to buy. One that can hold a 3-quart or 13-by-9-inch dish is a good choice. Accommodating this size in both directions makes it even more useful.

One end is a temperature probe is inserted into the food, the other end plugged into the oven. The oven is set for a desirable internal temperature or degree of doneness of the food. The oven signals when it is reached.

• A "hold" mode keeps food warm when it has finished cooking.

When a "popcorn" button is pressed, it starts cooking one package of microwave popcorn.

• The common auto defrost feature calculates time and power levels for defrosting, based on the type and amount (weight) of food. This helps prompts the user to turn over, break

apart, shield, cover or stand a food.

• A "beverage" or "plate" feature automatically heats up a drink or plate of food to hot when pressed.

• "Instant" or "auto on" automatically turns on an oven. This can be dangerous if nothing is in the oven and no one remembers to turn off the oven.

• "Delay start" allows early programming of the oven for cooking later. This should not be used for food that is vulnerable to bacteria at room temperature.

• For a touch of a "minute plus" or "add a minute" button, the oven cooks on high power one minute or adds a minute to the time running.

• The "keep warm" button stops the oven for turning, stirring, covering or adding foods.

• Multiple power levels allow flexible cooking of many foods.

• A timer and a clock are handy, too.

Home economist Kathy Hanewinkel specializes in microwave cooking.



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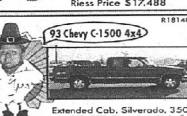
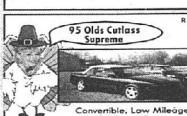
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eggs at high speed of electric mixer 2 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar 3 to 4 minutes until thick and yellow. Mix in water, orange extract and orange rind.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Mix into creamed mixture.

Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 32 minutes until cake is golden and springs back when touched.

Loosen cake from sides of pan. Immediately invert pan on kitchen towel sprinkled with confectioner's sugar. Remove parchment paper. Roll up cake and towel, beginning at long edge. Place on wire rack to cool completely.

To assemble, carefully unroll cake. Spread with 1/2 cups filling. Roll up cake. Cut generous 1-inch slice of cake from each end. Place cake roll on serving plate and frost with remaining buttercream. Place cake ends on

sweet pickle relish, 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper, 1/2 cup whole stuffed olives and 2 cups diced cooked ham. Drizzle with 1/2 cup mayonnaise and 2 teaspoons prepared mustard on top. Toss until well coated. Chill. Serve on lettuce leaves. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

SHELL TURKEY SALAD

Cook 6 ounces shell macaroni according to package directions. Drain well. Cool.

Combine with 2 tablespoons minced onion, 2 cups

chopped celery, 1/3 cup

shredded carrots, 1/2 cup

shredded lettuce, 1/2 cup

shredded cheese, 1/2 cup

shredded radish, 1/2 cup

shredded zucchini, 1/2 cup

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Today's Food

Peanut butter puffs melt inside cookies

Laura Jezierski, Valley Park, wins a prize of dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co. for Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookies.

She clipped the recipe for this rich and fudgy cookie from a newspaper in Chicago about 10 years ago and brought it with her when she moved.

It is a signature cookie for her. Not only do people ask for the recipe, but they request them to be on her cookies when they are going to be guests.

For convenience, the recipe can be doubled and the dough refrigerated a day or two before baking. The amount of peanut butter cups can vary, but the more and larger the chunks, the better the cookies, according to her.

This is the last week for submitting a recipe for a chicken or turkey casserole recipe. It should be postmarked by Tuesday (Nov. 30) to be considered a possible winner one of the five Wednesdays in December.

Do you like duty? Try a favorite recipe used this weekend for extras from the holiday bird and send it to the contest to possibly win a

meal outside the kitchen. A single recipe should be sent to: Chicken or Turkey Casserole Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westmed@juno.com.

Winners will be chosen from entries on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original.

As usual, the history of the recipe will be considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe and date.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the Journal you receive.

Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Cook onion, celery, carrot, green pepper, parsley and garlic in nonstick pan until soft. Combine cooked vegetables with soup mix, water, bay leaf, fines herbs and beans. Simmer, covered,

8 oz. semisweet chocolate
1/2 cup (1 stick)
unsalted butter
1-1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
8 chocolate peanut butter cups (such as Reese's), cut in chunks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt chocolate with butter in microwave oven or in top of double boiler on stovetop. Let cool slightly.

Stir together flour, baking powder and salt.

Using electric mixer, beat eggs, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add cooled chocolate. Mix well. Add dry ingredients. Mix until just combined. Gently fold peanut butter cups in.

Drop by large spoonful onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven 9 to 12 minutes.

Cool on baking sheets 1 minute, then transfer to wire rack to cool completely.

Yields 3 to 3-1/2 dozen.

about 1 hour to desired tenderness. Add tomato.

Serve hot, sprinkled with cheese.

Makes 16 servings; 98 calories, 1 g fat and no cholesterol each.

SIX-BEAN SOUP

2 envelopes (2 oz. each) chicken noodle soup mix
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped carrot
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/2 cup minced parsley
1 clove garlic, crushed, minced
2 qt. water
1/2 bay leaf, crumbled
1/2 tsp. fines herbs
2/3 cup each cooked or canned baby lima beans, small white beans, black-eyed pea, garbanzo beans, pink beans and light red kidney beans
1 cup fresh or canned tomatoes, chopped
Grated parmesan cheese

FAST FIESTA CHILI

1 lb. Italian sausage, casing removed
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chilies
1 cup thick and chunky salsa
1 pkg. (1 oz.) Tex-Mex chili seasoning mix
2 cans (15.5 oz. each) chili beans
1 can (11 oz.) corn with red and green peppers, drained
Shredded cheddar cheese for garnish, if desired

In large skillet over medium heat, cook sausage until it is browned, stirring to crumble meat. Drain. Stir in tomatoes and green chilies, salsa, seasoning mix, beans and corn and peppers. Simmer 15 minutes.

Ladle into serving bowls. Top with shredded cheese.

Makes 6 servings.

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Automotive

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Mercury gives Sable more traditional styling

By Tom Strongman

It's hip to be square. Or at least in the case of the 2000 Mercury Sable, less round.

For 2000, Ford Motor Co. has jettisoned much of the oval look of the Sable. The Taurus, for example, has mainstream styling that appeals to "middle of the roaders" who see cars more as transportation and less as styling statements. The angular, boxy style not only looks better but also improves trunk space.

Today we'll take a look at the Sable and save the Taurus for a future column.

Sable is available as a sedan and station wagon in GS, LS and LS Premium trim levels. Base sedan prices start at \$15,945 for GS and go to \$20,495 for the LS Premium, which was the model I drove. The car used for this review was a pre-production unit and did not have an as-driven price sticker.

While the roof, windows and door panels remain the same, nearly every other piece of the body has been changed. A bigger, deeper front grille and larger headlights set off the front. The hood is taller, and that not only gives it greater visual presence, it also kicks air up over the windshield wipers for less noise at high-

way speeds, according to Ford.

Around back, the trunk lid is 3 inches taller, opening slightly wider and lift-over height has been reduced. Big tail lights sit squarely out at the end of the fenders to give the back a more substantial appearance.

Changes to the Sable are more than just skin deep. The base engine has been tweaked for more mid-range responsiveness, the suspension has been retuned and a softer ride and changes were made to the steering to improve on-center feel. I think the steering still feels rather numb, but the body swivels in a more responsive manner.

The interior, and especially the instrument panel, have been reworked with a new shape and a leather-like texture. No more ovals here, either. The integrated control panel for audio and temperature controls is a larger, rectangular unit that has its buttons arrayed in a more logical, but less artistic fashion.

Generous map pockets have been put back into the door panels, a clear oversight from the previous model. A clever adjustable cup holder has been added to the center console, and it will hold every size cup from tiny to gigantic. When you're not using it as a cup holder, it is a great space for sunglasses.

The floor-mounted gear lever in our test car was somewhat sticky to shift, but I suspect that was an anomaly because it was not from the standard production run.

Along with the redesign, Ford added a substantial amount of new safety equipment. A computer system monitors the location of the seat, whether seatbelts are being used and the severity of the accident to determine proper deployment of the dual-stage air bags. Short drivers will find this system helpful because Ford says it has the potential to reduce air bag-related injuries by determining whether and how far forward it needs to trigger the air bags.

In addition to the standard front and side air bags for front-seat passengers, Sable comes with pretensioners and force limiters to keep injuries at a minimum. The pretensioners tighten the seat belts in an accident, while the force limiters reduce the amount of force so tightly to help keep the belt from injuring the occupant's chest.

Another key ingredient in this equation is the fact that the Sable can be had with power-adjusted seats that move up to 3 inches, so that short drivers don't have to sit so close to the steering wheel. This is the first time that Ford has made its movable pedals available in a car.

There are leashes for attaching child safety seats.

The standard engine is the 155-horse Vulcan 3.0-liter V-6, which has been tweaked to improve mid-range response while lowering torque. The optional 185-horse 24-valve 3.0-liter V-6 has 200 horsepower and is 30 pounds lighter. It is optional in the Sable GS and LS and standard in the LS Premium package. This engine doesn't have the smoothness found in some of its imported competitors, but it performs adequately and gets decent fuel economy.

The Sable has a hatchback so you can hang grocery sacks and keep your apples from rolling all over the trunk on the way home from the store. If you need to carry something long, the rear seats backs flip forward.

An emergency release is also located in the trunk.

By modifying the Sable's styling and adding more safety equipment, Ford has given it a better chance against its classmates in one of the most competitive segments in the business.

The base price of the Sable LS Premium is \$21,795. An as-driven price was not available for the test vehicle.

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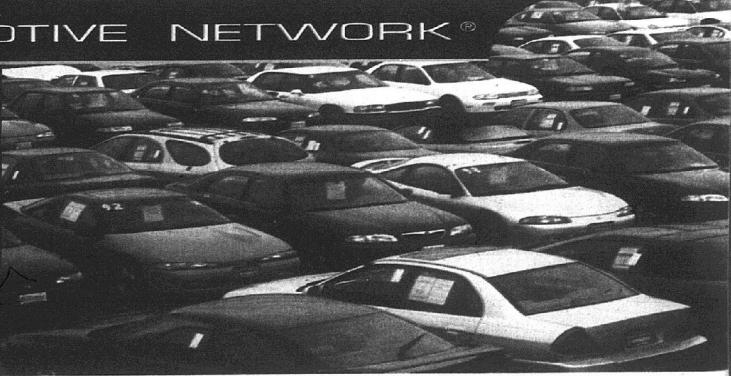
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